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Mystery poisoning of 346 Arab girls

By DAVID RICHARDSON and MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporters

A total of 280 girls at schools in the Jenin district were hospitalized during the past two days after being poisoned by an unidentified chemical substance. A similar incident at the nearby village of Arrabe a week ago, when 66 girls complained of fainting, dizziness, headaches and nausea, is still unexplained.

Teams of Health Ministry, army and police technicians were in the area yesterday trying to determine the cause of the poisoning. There has been speculation from Israeli military sources about terrorism designed to incite, and charges of carelessness by Palestinian Arab sources.

Yesterday's incidents at six schools in Jenin and the village of Barkin generated tension. The local military governor placed the centre of the town under curfew when youths and agitated parents started gathering there.

Only one man, a teacher at the school in Arrabe, has been affected. Two women soldiers at the Jenin military government headquarters also complained of similar symptoms.

All the schools where the poisoning occurred have been closed until the investigation has been completed.

Jenin hospital was overflowing with patients on Saturday and yesterday, resulting in many of the girls being transferred to three other West Bank hospitals and to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

The head of the Jenin civil administration and other military sources said there are strong indications that the poisoning was the work of local provocateurs interested in creating tension before Land Day on Wednesday. They said that a notice had been found at a school in Meitaloun, a village near Jenin, calling on the pupils to strike on Wednesday and warning them that if they did not they would be poisoned as were the pupils at Arrabe.

Palestinian sources said the school at Arrabe was close to a military camp and speculated that the chemical substance responsible for the poisoning might have been used in military exercises. But this explanation does not account for the fact that the complaints have been confined to specific girls schools.

Technicians from a mobile police laboratory yesterday found traces of a suspicious yellow powder on the window ledge of a school in Ya'abad south of Jenin. Health Ministry and IDF Medical Corps investigators also reportedly took samples from curtains hanging in one of the schools because a suspicious substance was found on them in high concentration.

Dr. Yitzhak Faver, health officer of the Judea and Samaria Civil Administration, said the preliminary investigation had ruled out water, food or sewage as possible causes. Some of the poisoned girls complained about a strong smell of fish.

Doctors treating the girls said that they are in no serious danger from the poisoning, which generally causes fainting, nausea, a slight rise in temperature and, in some cases, palpitations. The girls are being treated with oxygen and are advised to rest for four days.

The chamber of commerce in Jenin, chaired by the deposed former mayor of the town, Ahmed Shawki, met with local village leaders yesterday afternoon and cabled the various Israeli authorities for a rapid and thorough investigation. They stressed that the military government was responsible for the safety and health of the residents in the territories.

Health Ministry investigators continued their analysis yesterday of chemical substances taken from the classrooms in the Jenin area, Dr. Alme Avni, the director of the Public Health Services, said. Although they have not yet identified the substance, interim results

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A young girl gazes at a spring iris in Jerusalem yesterday as the Pessah holiday is ushered in with real spring weather. (IPPA)

Habash 'near death'

Newsweek says in its latest issue that George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, is close to death in a Damascus hospital. The edition published today reports the 56-year-old PFLP leader recently underwent brain surgery.

The magazine predicts that his death would lead to renewed infighting among various Palestine Liberation Organization factions.

8 Israeli PoWs said taken out of Lebanon

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Eight Israeli soldiers held by the Palestine Liberation Organization have been moved from eastern Lebanon to another Arab country because Israel was planning a military operation to free them, an official Palestinian source said yesterday.

The source declined to name the country where the Israelis have been taken.

Defence sources in Israel declined to comment on the report.

Palestinian terrorists captured the eight Israelis in central Lebanon last September.

Efforts to exchange them for some of the thousands of Palestinians and Lebanese held by Israel in southern Lebanon and in Israeli jails are being conducted through Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and the International Red Cross, but have not achieved any noticeable progress.

The Palestinian source said an aide to Kreisky was expected in Damascus later yesterday for talks with Palestinian leaders. The aide is said to be bringing new proposals from Kreisky.

The source said the prisoners were moved Saturday from the eastern Bekaa Valley, where the PLO still operates behind Syrian lines.

"The prisoners were moved for security reasons after the security organs of the Palestine revolution received information that Israel was preparing a military operation to release them," he said.

Six of the prisoners are held by the Fatah terrorist group of PLO chief Yasser Arafat. They have been regularly visited by journalists who testify that they are in good health.

But no one is known to have seen the two others, who are held by the pro-Libyan Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command of Ahmed Jibril. Israel has expressed concern over the lack of news and is demanding their safe return as a condition for withdrawing its forces from Lebanon.

The Austrian official is expected to meet the PLO's deputy military commander, Khalil al-Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, who is leading the negotiations for the Palestinians.

Police patrols for Pessah traffic and recreation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reinforced police patrols are operating today to deal with the heavy holiday traffic and to safeguard against any hostile activity.

The police spokesman at national police headquarters in Jerusalem said yesterday that several hundred policemen were put on extra duty to serve as traffic policemen and to guarantee some semblance of order at makeshift parking lots that appear at the country's beaches and nature parks.

Other policemen and Border Policemen will patrol public places that could be prone to terrorist activity.

A smaller number of police in civilian clothes will patrol the Old City of Jerusalem, on guard against a possible Pessah attempt by Jewish radicals to pray on the Temple Mount.

Already scheduled is the traditional prayer by the members of the Faithful of the Temple Mount, a small group that on each religious holiday conducts prayers outside Mograbi Gate, next to the Western Wall.

The police spokesman called on the public to watch out for suspicious objects, to be sure to lock up personal belongings at home and in the car, and "most important, to drive safely and obey traffic rules and policemen."

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Begin rejects pullback, but urges firmness

By DAVID LANDAU and ASHER WALLFISH

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his top ministers gave notice yesterday that they regard the negotiations with Lebanon as having almost exhausted themselves. But they called for patience and resolve in the deadlock over the future of Maj. Sa'ad Haddad. They did not endorse proposals from a minority of ministers calling for the Israel Defence Forces' unilateral withdrawal to the Awali River.

The prime minister observed, winding up a cabinet review of the negotiations, that Israel would have to recognize that Lebanon and the U.S. did not accept some of its positions. "The day is approaching when we shall have to decide," Begin was quoted by cabinet sources.

But Begin, Defence Minister Moshe Arens, and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir are maintaining a firm line on the question of Haddad. Shamir told U.S. special envoy Philip Habib once again last night that Israel must insist on the Southern Lebanese Christian militia chief continuing to play a key role in ensuring the security of the south and preventing the return of the PLO. Haddad had "proved himself" over the years, Shamir said.

Israel's "bottom line" on Haddad, it seems from various well-placed sources, is that the major must stay in South Lebanon, and retain an "influential position" in policing the area. It appears that Israel might not insist on Haddad's being the titular commander of the region — provided he is vested with the effective powers on the ground to deploy his force against any PLO effort to re-establish a presence in the area.

Israel wants Haddad and his men to be integrated into a Lebanese Army "territorial brigade" in the south. Lebanon is prepared to integrate the men, but not Haddad.

Habib is to return to Beirut today, and there will be another direct negotiating session with the Lebanese in Kiryat Shmona on Thursday.

Israeli sources said Habib had "nothing new" to present on the Haddad problem at his session with Shamir last night.

There was, however, some discussion on the issue of joint IDF-Lebanese patrols — and the view here is that agreement could be reached on this, when and if the Haddad issue is settled.

Sources close to the top three ministers maintained that the outlook is still hopeful for a successful conclusion of the negotiations. They said that once Beirut was made aware of the strength of Israel's feeling regarding Haddad, a formula would be devised enabling the major to stay in the South without the Beirut government having to see this as a slight to its sovereign powers.

But these sources, too, are hinting — apparently for tactical reasons — at "other alternatives" which Israel will have to "consider" if the deadlock in the talks persists. This is a veiled reference to the unilateral withdrawal option.

It was thus useful, from the top ministers' standpoint, that four junior ministers — Uzan, Ben-Porat, Ne'eman and Zipori — should have spoken out at the cabinet yesterday in favour of a unilateral withdrawal.

Likud ministers later privately questioned the motives of at least some of the four, hinting that they had spoken out of internal political considerations.

But it seemed that the four's com-

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U.S. Marine commander sees harmony with IDF

BEIRUT (Reuter). — The commander of U.S. Marines in Beirut was quoted yesterday in the English-language *Monday Morning* Magazine as saying he believed the series of confrontations between his men and Israeli troops outside the Lebanese capital was over.

"I think as a result of recent action and the letter by the commandant, we're seeing, at least in my sector here, that the relationship between the Israelis and the U.S. Marine Corps has become one of professional organizations working in close proximity," Col. James Mead said.

Mead said that the Marines had sent the patrols at the request of the Lebanese government and the Israelis had a "misperception" that the Marines were not allowed to cross the line.

Under last week's agreement, Israeli and U.S. officers agreed on a new communications channel to share operational information.

NEWS ANALYSIS/David Bernstein

Saudis emerge as key factor in Reagan plan

Saudi Arabia has emerged as a key factor in deciding whether or not Jordan decides to enter the Middle East peace process, with Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat making an unexpected stopover in Riyadh yesterday on his way to Amman for what has been billed as a "crucial" meeting with King Hussein.

Arafat's stopover in the Saudi capital, where he held discussions with King Fahd, follows the arrival in Amman over the weekend of Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi foreign minister.

According to the usually well-informed Kuwaiti daily, *al-Anba*, Saud was expected to take an active part in the talks between Hussein and Arafat, who was due in the Jordanian capital last night.

Arafat postponed his visit to Amman at the last minute last night, attributing the postponement to a scheduled visit to Jordan by Sultan Qaboos of Oman. The Saudi news agency, which reported the postponement, quoted Arafat as saying that his meeting with Hussein would be held after Qaboos concludes his visit, but did not specify when.

The sudden upsurge in Saudi Arabia's involvement comes as the *Hussein-Arafat dialogue on the Middle East peace initiative* launched by U.S. President Ronald Reagan last September moves towards its climax.

Jordan is believed to be anxious to enter that peace process, not only because it would like to ingratiate itself with Washington and facilitate Congressional approval for its pending arms requests, but also because it would like further to star in Israel-U.S. relations by making viable an American initiative which Jerusalem has already rejected.

What is more, there is apparently genuine concern in Amman that Israel's settlement policy in the West Bank is fast approaching the point of no return, and unless something is done very soon to loosen its hold on the area, there will be little left to negotiate about in the future.

But Hussein has made it plain that he is reluctant to risk almost total isolation in the Arab world by taking up the American challenge without at least the tacit support of the PLO — and, it would now seem, that of Saudi Arabia, the leading member of the pro-Western, moderate Arab camp to which Jordan itself traditionally belongs.

This has become particularly urgent in view of the growing scepticism in Amman about Washington's ability or willingness to bring any real pressure to bear on Israel to halt its settlement drive or moderate its position on the West bank.

While both the PLO (or, at least the Arafat-led pragmatic camp that dominates the organization) and Saudi Arabia have shown signs of sharing Jordan's concern and appreciating its aspirations, their backing for its entry into the peace process is by no means assured.

The PLO's position on this was more or less determined at last month's meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers, which although it did not reject the Reagan plan outright, made it plain that it did not go far enough towards meeting the Palestinians' national aspirations to make it acceptable as a basis for negotiation.

Saudi Arabia's position is considerably less clear. But, according to *Al-Anba* yesterday, Riyadh has no intention of "coercing" the PLO into taking part with Jordan in the American-initiated Middle East peace process. Rather, the paper is quoted as saying, the Saudis would back whatever stance the PLO might take on that score.

So, barring some late switch in

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common with the Hebrew allies, will not appear tomorrow, e first day of Pessah. The next sue will come out on Wednesay, March 30.

Doctors threaten to intensify strike action

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Representatives of the nation's 500 salaried doctors yesterday reatened to intensify their 25-day-d strike, if the Treasury remained eadfast in its refusal to enlarge the udget to meet the doctor's wage mands.

The doctors emerged from a two-id-a-half-hour meeting with nance Minister Yoram Aridor id Health Minister Eliezer ostak expressing "pessimism" out the prospects of achieving y progress at the meeting of the perts' committee scheduled for ednesday.

"If this weren't so tragic, it would funny," Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Ram Ishai said yesterday. "We just witnessed Shostak appealing to both sides to sit down and start negotiating, after more than three weeks of a nationwide strike and almost a year of wage talks."

The IMA, which is sticking fast to its demands for a doubling of doctors' basic salaries and a shortening of their working hours, yesterday reiterated that if no money can be found to meet these demands, the budget must be increased.

The treasury for its part presented figures yesterday showing that satisfying the doctors' demands would necessitate printing an additional IS15 billion. In dollar terms (calculated on the expected average exchange rate for this year), an agreement based on the doctors' demands would cost the nation some $100 million to $130m., according to the Treasury.

To finance this outlay, a national project such as building the Lavi jet fighter or building the Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal would have to be cancelled, Treasury Director-General Ezra Sadan told reporters yesterday.

Sadan said the Treasury's proposals to increase the salaries of younger doctors by 26 per cent, while holding the increase for senior doctors to only 13 per cent, would cost some IS4b. As this sum has already been included in the 1983 budget, there would be no need to print more money, a step which would increase the deficit and push up the rate of inflation, he said.

"I am still optimistic that we can reach an agreement," Sadan said. "All negotiations have their ups and downs, but I think we can overcome this crisis. But I must tell the doctors that I am not responsive to threats. They must be realistic and consider just what their demands mean in terms of real cost to the nation."

But the IMA yesterday reiterated that as far as it was concerned, there was "no such thing as strong doctors and weak doctors" and that no separate deals would be made.

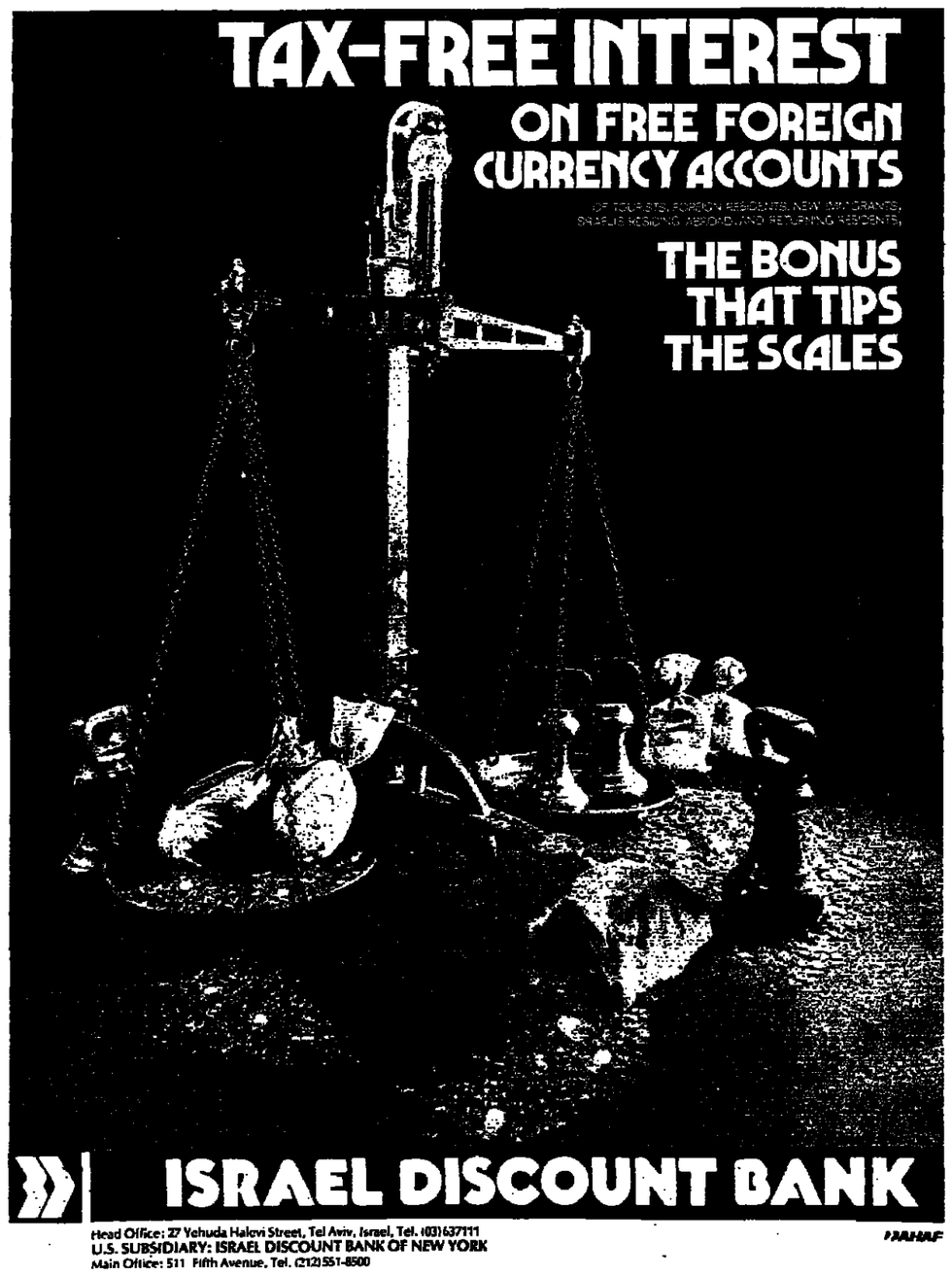
"We will settle for nothing less than an across-the-board doubling of our basic wages," Ishai said. "The Treasury may not understand that our present basic salary for 200 hours per month is from IS14,000 to IS22,000, but the public understands this, and supports us."

Ishai also expressed sorrow that the Treasury "obviously does not care about the suffering caused to the entire nation. We have taken our responsibility as doctors seriously and hope that we will not be forced to take more drastic steps."

These steps could include a further reduction in the number of doctors working in hospitals (now about 30 per cent of the usual complement) to collective resignations and the abandoning of the hospitals en masse.

Such radical action is being urged by a growing number of doctors, who are impatient with the lack of progress in the talks. Votes taken at hospital staff committees throughout the country at the end of last week were almost unanimously in favour of intensifying the strike as a means of speeding up a settlement.

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BUENOS AIRES	20	68	29	84	Clear
CHICAGO	-1	30	5	41	Snow
COPENHAGEN	-1	34	6	43	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	0	32	6	43	Cloudy
GENEVA	1	34	7	45	Snow
HELSINKI	-1	30	3	37	Cloudy
HONG KONG	17	63	20	68	Rain
JOHANNESBURG	21	70	26	79	Clear
LISBON	8	46	19	66	Clear
LONDON	5	41	8	46	Cloudy
MADRID	1	34	17	63	Clear
MONTREAL	-3	27	2	36	Ice
NEW YORK	-2	27	11	52	Clear
OSLO	0	32	7	45	Cloudy
PARIS	2	36	7	45	Rain
RIO DE JANEIRO	18	63	30	86	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	17	63	27	80	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	0	32	3	37	Cloudy
TOKYO	4	39	9	48	Rain
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Golan	24	14—24	17
Nahariya	19	12—29	21
Safad	27	14—21	15
Haifa Port	29	18—28	22
Tiberias	41	14—29	22
Nazareth	33	17—25	18
Afula	33	10—29	21
Shomron	26	14—27	20
Tel Aviv	30	12—32	21
B-G Airport	27	12—31	22
Jericho	19	11—31	23
Gaza	37	13—32	23
Beersheba	14	13—31	23
Eilat	17	16—30	36

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan yesterday received a certificate of inscription in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund from the fund's director Moshe Rivlin. Eitan was inscribed by the mayors of Metulla, Nahariya and Kiryat Shmona.

The mayor of Bremen, Hans Koschnick, a delegation from the city senate, and West German Ambassador Niels Hansen were guests of the Haifa municipality yesterday for the annual meeting of the Haifa-Bremen Culture Fund.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wigder of Lawrence, New York, a member of the U.S. Friends Board of the David Yellin Teachers College Jerusalem. Mr. Wigder will meet with members of the college administration.

Maccabi Tel Aviv tops Hapoel Ramat Gan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In the opening game of the best-of-three finals in the national league basketball championship, Maccabi Tel Aviv last night beat Hapoel Ramat Gan by 93-88.

Top scorer was Cliff Pondexter for Hapoel. For Maccabi, the top scorers were Jack Zimmerman with 32 points and Micky Berkowitz with 26.

Opposition boycotts TA council meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The City Council yesterday wound up its activities for the fiscal year ending March 31 by approving additional expenditures of IS1.17 billion in both the regular and development budgets.

All 10 opposition members boycotted the meeting to protest the additions to the development budget.

Arieh Zucker (Mapam), who heads the city control committee, said before the meeting that the opposition believes the additions should go into next year's budget. He said the municipality does not have the funds to cover the extra expenditures.

CENSUS. — The Central Bureau of Statistics has recently begun a campaign to enlist enumerators and supervisors for the national population and housing census which will be held in May and June.

Rabbi seeks approval for 'seder' with IDF prisoners

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Last-minute efforts are being made to enable a rabbi to conduct a *Seder* with the Israeli prisoners in the hands of the PLO and Syria.

Rabbi Yitzhak David Grossman of Migdal Haemek, who initiated the effort about one month ago, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had kept these efforts secret. But on Friday, news of the negotiations was published in a Los Angeles newspaper.

Yesterday afternoon, he told *The Post*, he received information from New York, that the PLO representative to the UN had agreed in principle for a rabbi to conduct the *Seder* for the eight Israeli prisoners in PLO captivity.

However, Syrian approval was needed for the rabbi to cross the Syrian lines. This permission is now being sought.

Grossman added that he is prepared to go. He said that the negotiations are being conducted through "several friends in the U.S."

Grossman added that, if the PLO objected to an Israeli, there were rabbis in the U.S. and Europe willing to leave at a moment's notice.

Seven years jail for poisoning attempt

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A seven-year prison term was imposed yesterday on Yoram Zarfati, 26, of Herzliya, for attempting to poison a state's witness at the Givatayim police station in February, 1982.

Zarfati had been charged in the Tel Aviv District Court with conspiring with Mira Levenstein, 20, and Zohara Adari, 25, to poison Naftali Ashkenazi. The latter was a state's witness in the trial against Ya'acov Shemesh, who was accused of being part of a gang that had slain Ramle detention centre warden Roni Nitzan in December, 1981 and had robbed the Keren Or jewelry centre in Ramat Gan in January 1982.

Zarfati got hold of the poison which he, the two women and Eliahu Aboutbul, Zohara Adar's father, planned to put into the tea served to the prisoners in the Givatayim police station. When the four of them went to the police station on February 7, their behaviour aroused suspicion. Zarfati and Adari fled, but were later caught.

In its judgement, the court said that Zarfati's crime was most despicable because it could have caused a large number of deaths.

Zarfati's seven-year term is to run concurrently with others. On Thursday, the Beersheba District Court sentenced him to 10 years in jail for a series of crimes committed in Ashdod between December, 1981 and February, 1982.

Several thousand in Palm Sunday march

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Devout Christians began Easter celebrations yesterday with the traditional Palm Sunday procession from the Mount of Olives through the gates of the old city of Jerusalem.

Several thousand local Arab Christians and pilgrims from abroad trudged in a double line on the 90-minute awaslk from Bethpage to St. Anne's Church.

Police and Border Police kept an unobtrusive watch over the procession route.

The marchers waved palm fronds and sang "hosanna" as they made their way.

Church officials believe more pilgrims than usual will come this year following Pope John Paul II's proclamation of Holy Year to mark the 1,950th year since the crucifixion and resurrection.

Burning tire attack on Shomron police

NABLUS (Itim). — Shomron area police commander Chief Superintendant Gabi Ashton narrowly escaped injury yesterday, when burning tires were pushed in the path of his car in Burka, near here. Ashton managed to avoid the tires.

A short while after the incident, Ashton was stoned by Arab youths and had to fire in the air to disperse his attackers.

The car of Nablus police commander Superintendant Max Dror was badly damaged when he was stoned outside the local cemetery. Dror was not injured.

Lebanese soldier slain by unknown gunmen

BIERUT (Reuter). — A Lebanese soldier was shot dead yesterday in an ambush by unidentified gunmen in the Baalbek area of East Lebanon, security sources said.

They said Corporal Rifa'at Mohammed Mshayk was shot while driving a car towards Majdaloun, south-west of Baalbek.

On March 4, gunmen ambushed a group of Lebanese Army soldiers in the same area, killing six and wounding 12.

The area is under the overall control of Syrian troops and is a stronghold of pro-Iranian Shi'ite Moslems opposed to Lebanese President Amin Jemayel.

Tyre commerce chamber gets warning from IDF

TYRE (Itim). — The senior Israel Defence Forces officer in Tyre yesterday summoned the head of the local chamber of commerce and told him that its members must immediately stop threatening merchants trading with Israelis. The chamber recently warned its members that anyone cooperating with Israel would be expelled.

The IDF officer told the chamber of commerce head that the IDF takes a serious view of any action interfering with trade with Israel.

According to IDF sources, the chamber of commerce acted in keeping with an order from Beirut.

Lebanese Druse sheikh said arrested by IDF

BEIRUT (Itim). — Druse Sheikh Hussein Zachi was arrested on Friday by the IDF, local newspapers have reported. No reasons were given for his detention.

Zachi was taken from his home town of Rahshiya al-Wadi in the eastern Beka'a Valley to an unknown place of detention, the papers said.

Sources told the newspapers that Zachi opposed the "national guard" militias, which have been established in a number of villages with the aid of the Israeli authorities.

3 prisoners get life for murder

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — Three Beersheba Prison inmates yesterday were sentenced in the Beersheba District Court to life imprisonment for the murder of a fellow inmate whom they suspected of collaborating with the prison authorities.

Atwa Alturi, 28, Adnan Gada, 27, and Abu Madjim Sulman were convicted of killing Sa'ad Mohammad Kusma, 27, in February last year. The prosecutor charged that they attacked Kusma in the prison yard and knifed him to death.

POISONING

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of the tests at Rambam Hospital, Tel Hashomer Hospital and other toxicology laboratories throughout the country have shown the substance was definitely inhaled in a vaporous form, Avni told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

While the clinical manifestations were not considered to be severe, Avni said that the number of people affected had caused great concern. She rushed the ministry's mobile laboratory to Jenin on Saturday to begin the thorough analysis of all possible causes.

The results of the tests, which are based on detecting and identifying the presence of chemical substances through analysis of coloured bands of light will be available today, Avni said.

Also scheduled today is a meeting at Sheba Hospital among all the officials concerned, including the ministry, the IDF, police and local authorities.

The Health Ministry on Saturday also sent a team of epidemiologists to do a field survey, asking questions such as where the girls sat in each classroom, and what they had eaten previous to arriving at school.

The epidemiologists also evaluated the psychological factor frequently present in similar phenomena involving large groups of people, Avni said.

Galilee PLO-supporters block Sakhnin road

ACRE (Itim). — An attempt was made early yesterday morning to block the Sakhnin-Deir Hanna road with stones. Police cleared the road and also prevented an attempt to set a tire alight. No arrests were made.

Nearby, police found the letters "PLO" painted in black on a road sign.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin (centre) stands to attention at yesterday's ceremony where Lebanon war ribbons were presented to senior IDF officers outside the Prime Minister's office. (IPPA)

Senior IDF officers get war ribbons

Prime Minister Menachem Begin awarded the "Peace for Galilee Ribbon" to Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan at a special ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday. Eitan then awarded the ribbon — a green bar, framed with stripes of red, white and blue — to officers of the general staff.

The ceremony took place in the presence of all the cabinet. The ribbon was also awarded posthumously to Aluf Yekutiel Adam, who was killed in a PLO ambush near Damour.

The prime minister recalled that the IDF had been charged with removing the terrorist threat from Galilee. It had fulfilled its task brilliantly as in the past, said the premier, and it was now up to the politicians to ensure that the achievement is maintained.

Begin took advantage of the occasion for a private conversation with Aluf Avigdor Ben-Gal. Ben-Gal is reportedly to leave the IDF, after being passed over for the position of chief of staff. Defence Minister Moshe Arens has reportedly been unable to persuade Ben-Gal to remain in the army.

The anti-Lebanon war movement *Yesh Gvul* (There's a Limit) demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's Office, timed to coincide with the ceremony. A statement by the organization said that the campaign ribbon was a "mark of Cain" on the brows of cabinet ministers and senior army officers. (Itim)

BEGIN REJECTS

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ments did reflect a genuine, though muted, sense of worry and frustration at the slow progress of the Lebanese negotiations.

Yesterday's cabinet also marked the first instance of criticism of Defence Minister Arens by his predecessor, Ariel Sharon, now a minister without portfolio.m

Kol Yisrael headlined cabinet reports with "sharp attacks by Ariel Sharon on his successor, Defence Minister Moshe Arens," but Sharon's spokesman Uri Dann issued a formal denial, to the effect that "the minister did not attack anybody in any shape or form".

What Sharon apparently did was to list all the elements in the negotiations on which the Israeli team had failed to achieve results, and to ask by what authority the negotiators had dropped demands which formed part of the original cabinet guidelines to the negotiators last year.

Sharon said that the establishment of early-warning stations or observation posts in Lebanon had been one of Israeli's principal demands in the negotiations, because they were intended to give the IDF round-the-clock scrutiny of the security situation. Now, he said, the demand had apparently been dropped in favour of less-effective ideas which were not yet accepted by the other parties.

Sharon said, "There is no reason why we should get down on our knees before the Americans."

Ben-Porat said that Sharon was right in reminding his colleagues of the erosion in Israeli positions.

When Arens, replying to Sharon, said that the negotiators had reached agreement with the Lebanese on "most elements" of the October paper approved by the cabinet, Sharon countered that the October paper was a framework which had been fleshed out by additional documents which detailed the Israeli position in full, and that the position as further outlined in this way was being abandoned lately in far too many cases.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said that a lot of valuable time had been wasted in the past six months by the Israeli negotiators. They had gained ground in the wording and lost ground in the substance, he charged.

Moda'i recalled that two months ago he had tried to persuade his colleagues that the talks focus first on the withdrawal of all foreign forces, and leave bilateral Israel-Lebanon issues till later. He said there were many signs today that Syria had no intention of quitting Lebanon.

Arens replied that Israel had been told by the American negotiators of Syrian's readiness to pull its troops out, once agreement had been concluded. Syria's stipulation was that the agreement be consonant with Lebanese sovereignty, according to the American negotiators, he said.

Moda'i commented that Syria's tactic thereby was to prepare an escape clause, to claim if it so desired that Lebanese sovereignty was being violated by whatever agreement had been attained.

Moda'i quipped that he got the impression sometimes that the IDF would have to serve as a buffer for the Lebanese army units guarding the border with Israel, protecting their northern flank from enemies beyond.

Ben-Porat said that he would shortly table a proposal in writing for a unilateral IDF withdrawal to the 40-45 kilometre line. This area would be held until an effective security infrastructure had been created by the Lebanese and their American helpers to make the IDF presence superfluous.

Ben-Porat said that Israel could not leave the security of its northern border in the hands of an amorphous entity such as Lebanon is at present.

Grenade thrower's appeal rejected

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected the appeal of a Yeroham resident against his 12-year sentence for a grenade attack in August 1980. The court upheld the appeal of a second man who had been sentenced to eight years imprisonment for the same crime.

Uri Bouchbout was found guilty by the Beersheba District Court of a grenade attack on a restaurant in the centre of Yeroham. Yosef Perez, who was severely wounded in the attack, testified that Bouchbout and Herzl Adri followed him on the evening of the attack and that he saw Bouchbout throw the grenade.

The Supreme Court rejected Bouchbout's appeal against his sentence, but found that Adri's guilt had not been proved.

Book warehouse burgled

RAMAT GAN (Itim). — For the second time in less than a month, warehouses of the Masada publishing house were broken into and books stolen over the weekend.

The company's proprietors told police that 600 volumes of supplements to the Hebrew Encyclopedia and hundreds of other volumes, mostly of history, had been stolen from the warehouse in Ramat Gan. Three weeks ago, the company's Petah Tikva warehouse was emptied of about 8,000 volumes of the Aviv encyclopedia.

Amman festival to be held by EEC

AMMAN (Itim). — The European Community is to hold a spring festival here, starting April 21. It is the first time such a fair has been held outside Europe.

Community officials said the purpose of the festival is to strengthen cultural ties between Europe and Jordan. The fair will be opened by Crown Prince Hassan.

Britain urges support for Hussein

KUWAIT (AP). — Britain's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Douglas Hurd yesterday called on the Arabs and Palestinians to support King Hussein in his endeavours to join the Mideast peace process.

Hurd, speaking at a press conference here, lauded what he described as recent steps toward peace by both the Arabs and the Palestinians. He urged Israel to "match up with the Arab and Palestinian positive stands, because without a radical movement by the Israeli government the peace process will not move."

Hurd said time was running out for Arab-Israeli peace prospects warning that "unless there is a progress within the coming few weeks then an opportunity (for peace) would be lost."

He specifically called on Israel to recognize the right of Palestinian self-determination in return for a Palestinian recognition of Israel's right to exist.

"Without such mutual recognition, there will be no peace," he added. Stating that the Palestine Liberation Organization "should be involved in any future negotiations because it enjoys the support of a large number of Palestinians, and this fact was recognized by the European Community summits in Venice and Brussels."

Hurd hoped that the way was now clear for a visit to the Arab States of Foreign Secretary Francis Pym as well as other cabinet ministers.

The British minister left later for Baghdad on the second leg of his Mideast tour which will take him on to Amman and Beirut.

SAUDIS EMERGE

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the PLO and Saudi positions, it now looks somewhat unlikely that Hussein will be getting the backing he seeks.

But Saudi Arabia may well lend its support to a bid by Hussein politely to opt out of the American initiative without appearing to snub Washington or foreclose his options on entering the peace process at some point in the future.

As *Al-Anba* pointed out yesterday, Saudi Arabia "merely wants to avoid the eventuality of Israel blaming the Arabs for squandering a chance to attain permanent peace."

Service for diabetics

The Yad Sarah organization, 49 Rehov Hanevim, Jerusalem, is lending a portable kit for the self-monitoring of blood-glucose levels called Glucochek to diabetics. Persons must bring a letter from their doctor recommending use of the kit.

30 killed in Quake

NICOSIA (AP). — The final official casualty toll of the earthquake that struck close to Teheran on Friday is 30 dead and 61 injured, Teheran Radio reported yesterday.

These figures contrasted with earlier official reports that "nearly 100" people were killed.

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68,000 tourists arrive for Pessah

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Public transport, places of entertainment, restaurants and stores will close tonight as Israeli Jews celebrate the Pessah *seder* commemorating the exodus from Egypt.

In traditional Jewish homes, the last *hametz* (leaven) will be burned this morning by Sephardin at 9.40 a.m. and by Ashkenazim at 10.26 a.m.

The roads are expected to be crowded, and long lines are anticipated at bus and taxi stations, as people travel to celebrate the feast with family and friends.

Special *seder* meals have been planned at absorption centres and army bases. Israeli soldiers in Lebanon have been eating kosher for Pessah food as of last Thursday. Special arrangements have been made at the Ansar prison camp to enable the PLO suspects to receive non-kosher food without IDF soldiers having to touch it during the holiday. Chief IDF Chaplain Gad Navon has composed a special prayer for Israeli prisoners of war.

Hotels will also hold special *seder* meals for tourists and other guests. Some 3,000 tourists are expected at Ben-Gurion Airport today, the last batch of some 68,000 who have arrived for Pessah and Easter.

Hotels in Eilat and on the Dead Sea shore report bookings of 80 per cent for the holiday.

Among the special events planned for the Pessah week is the annual conference of the Nature Protection Society, which will take place at Moshav Almagor above Lake Kinneret. The theme will be conservation of the River Jordan. Tours and hikes are planned as part of the programme.

The meterological centre at Beit Dagon says that rain is unlikely during the holiday, although today will see a sharp drop in temperatures. Yesterday's warm weather which reached 30 degrees on the coast and 25 in the hills, will drop by 7 to 8 degrees. The warm weather may return during the week.

In the Yemin Moshe neighbourhood of Jerusalem, artists are holding open house to visitors during Pessah week.

JERUSALEM POST POLL
Likud-Alignment gap grows narrower

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If an election were held now, the Likud would still emerge as the strongest party, but the gap between it and the Alignment is growing narrower.

These are the findings of the latest public opinion poll conducted for *The Jerusalem Post* by the Modi'in Ezrahi research institute. The poll, directed by Dr. Sarah Shemer, was carried out between March 15 and 23. A representative sample of 1,216 of adult Jews was interviewed.

The poll shows that the Likud would have won 58 Knesset seats, the same as in the February poll, slightly above the 57 in the January poll. In 1981, the Likud was returned with 48 seats.

Had elections taken place in March, the Labour Alignment would have won 42 seats, as against 40 in the February poll and 39 in the January poll.

Shemer says that in her past six monthly polls, the Likud has maintained its strength. Labour has moved up five seats since the October, 1982 poll. The gap between the two may be slowly narrowing, she estimates.

Asked "How do you rate the government's performance?" Only 7.5 per cent gave the government a "very good" mark (in January 10.6 per cent and in October, 1982 9.9 per cent). Another 34.4 per cent rated the government's performance as "good" (as against 33.8 per cent in January and 35.8 in October, 1982).

In all, 41.9 per cent of the respondents approved of the government's performance, which is a decline from the 44.4 per cent approval of January and 45.6 per cent of October, 1982.

Of those dissatisfied with the way the government is tackling the country's problems, 34.9 per cent felt that its performance was "not so good" (in January 31.3 per cent and in October, 1982, 32.2 per cent). The government's performance was rated as "not at all good" by 17.7 per cent (20.7 per cent in January and 17 per cent in October, 1982) and 5.5 per cent did not reply.

The number of those dissatisfied are a majority of 52.6 per cent. This is a slight increase in comparison to the January poll, in which 52 per cent disapproved. In October, 1982 49.2 per cent were dissatisfied.

Shemer points out that as the number of the dissatisfied increases, so does the strength of the Labour opposition. She argues that there is possibly a time lapse between disapproval and its translation to a political preference.

The poll shows that the National Religious Party would take a severe beating if elections were held now. Its representation in the Knesset would be halved to three MKs. A month ago, the poll showed four.

Agudat Yisrael would gain one seat and emerge with a total of five. Tami would be down from three to two, the Citizens Rights Movement would be stable at one, the Tehiya down from three to two, Shinui would get three (the same as last month) and Telem would be wiped out. Other parties would get a total of four seats.

Breakdown of Knesset seat allocations according to last three polls:

	March 1983	February 1983	January 1983
Likud	58	58	57
Alignment	42	40	39
NRP	3	4	5
Agudat Yisrael	5	4	4
Tami	2	3	3
CRM	1	1	2
Shinui	3	3	3
Telem	—	—	—
Others	4	4	4

IS11m. drug case begins

NAZARETH (Itim). — An IS11 million drug-smuggling case began in the local district court here yesterday in what may be the country's largest such case to date involving the passage of drugs from Lebanon to Israel.

Charged with the crime are two Israelis — Haim Azran, a soldier in the regular army and David Bonifed of Hatzor, Upper Galilee — and Ziad Haddad of Marjayoun.

The trial of the first two was the one that began yesterday before Judge Micha Lindenstrauss. Haddad's trial will be held before Judge Theodore Orr in the same court.

They are charged with smuggling a ton of hashish and 1.5 kilos of heroin into Israel.

The charge sheet states that the two Israelis began ordering drugs from Haddad during 1982. The deals were allegedly made near the Kiryat Shmona swimming pool and in Hatzor. Within two or three days of payment, the Lebanese threw the bags of drugs over the border fence near Metulla, police say.

The Israelis usually paid in shekels, but sometimes in dollars and Egyptian pounds, the charge sheet says.

Haddad rejects allegations that he's the obstacle to peace

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — South Lebanese militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad yesterday rejected as "incorrect and not objective" recent newspaper reports claiming he is the sole remaining obstacle to an Israel-Lebanon agreement. Haddad was speaking to reporters here.

"I stand by what I have already said: If I am an obstacle to an agreement, I am prepared to leave the stage and go home," Haddad said.

Haddad alleged that American sources were responsible for the reports, and advised the Lebanese government to do what is best for Lebanon.

The greatest danger to Lebanon is the presence of the Syrians and the PLO in the Beka'a Valley and northern Lebanon, he said.

Haddad presented himself as a true Lebanese patriot. Despite reports to the contrary, he was continuing to conscript troops and deal with problems in his area.

In reply to a question about the wave of terror in South Lebanon, Haddad said, "With money you can buy a lot of people in South Lebanon. The Syrians and the terrorists come to the South and buy the terrorist acts."

Haddad added that his soldiers are increasing their presence in the Jab Jenin area to prevent hostile elements from infiltrating into South Lebanon.

His relations with the Shi'ites of South Lebanon are good, Haddad said. Last week's Shi'ite demonstrations were caused by agents provocateurs and "Khomeiniites" who do not represent the local inhabitants, he said.

Panel to establish noise-level limits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

New noise-level limits are to be set by a committee appointed yesterday by Uri Marinov, director of the Environmental Protection Service. The committee's recommendations will supersede the standards used at present in enforcing the Nuisance Prevention Law.

Headed by Reuven Lester, former legal adviser to the Interior Ministry and an ecology expert, the committee will also consider the frequent complaints of noise from persons living near the Eilat, Herzliya and Sde Dov airports.

The committee has been charged with bringing Israeli anti-noise regulations into line with international practice. Besides airport noise, it will look into ways of reducing road noise and sporadic noise pollution, such as that caused by motor vehicle burglar alarms and emergency vehicle sirens.

Where industrial or airport noise reduction is deemed impossible, the committee will suggest alternative uses for the surrounding areas.

More Israelis visiting Egypt, Cairo officials more helpful

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The children of Israel are returning to Egypt for Pessah. At least that is the view of two travel agencies active in selling excursions to the Land of the Nile.

Increased interest in visiting Egypt began at the beginning of March, following a long period, beginning with the War in Lebanon, when few Israelis toured Egypt. Those who did go reported that although the man in the street was still friendly, officials tended to be less than helpful.

According to Walter Arbib of VIP tours, a pioneer in the business of Egyptian tourism, there has been a slow but steady revival of interest in holidays in Egypt over the last few weeks. But the traffic is still measured in hundreds, rather than thousands, he said.

Mickey Peled, sales manager for Neot Hakikar, which specializes in low-cost tours, said that his office has been flooded with requests, especially during the school holidays.

He said that he has seen a definite change in official Egyptian attitudes. Requests by his agency for visas are now answered quickly and with a minimum of fuss.

Pro-Syrians resume threats against Golan Heights Druse

By YOEL DAR

NAZARETH. — Pro-Syrians in the Golan Druse villages yesterday resumed their threats against residents who have applied for Israeli citizenship.

Some dignitaries and state employees were summoned to the Druse holy shrines to swear that they do not have Israeli citizenship. Some, including one spiritual leader, surrendered to these demands.

One of those who refused to return his Israeli citizenship papers is Muhsin Abu Saleh, the chairman of Masa'ea Local Council. He told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the majority of the local population believes it is best to be Israeli citizens. The political influence of the pro-Syrians is not as great as it was last year, he said.

One reason is that over 98 per cent of Druse residents over 16 have already accepted Israeli identity cards. (Having an identity card does not necessarily mean having citizenship). Another reason is that not all the religious leaders support the pro-Syrians.

A reliable source at the Interior Ministry has disclosed that about 250 Golan Druse, who are 2 per cent of the total population, have accepted Israeli citizenship. The source rejected the claim of the pro-Syrians that the Israeli authorities pressed the local population to be citizens.

Meanwhile, Muhsin Abu Saleh last week met Housing Minister David Levy, urging him to allocate funds for development projects. Abu Saleh said that the local approach roads in the Golan villages are impassable and that at least 120 more classrooms are needed.

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Pilot in serious condition after crash

By YIGAL BICHCOV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLYIA. — Shimon Someh, 39, of Ra'anana, remained in serious condition yesterday from burns and other injuries suffered Saturday afternoon when the plane he was flying crashed into an apartment building in the Shaviv neighbourhood here.

His seven-year-old daughter, Tali, who was pushed out of the burning plane after it crashed by her father, was reported making satisfactory progress at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava.

Someh has been transferred to Beilinson Hospital in Tel Aviv.

In a related development, Herzliya Mayor Yosef Nevo has demanded that finances be made available this year for altering the direction of the Herzliya airport runway. The runway, which serves light aircraft, runs east-west and passes over residential neighbourhoods. Nevo wants it to be built north-south, which means that take-offs and landings will pass over empty fields.

Nevo also called for the transfer of the pilots' instruction school from the Herzliya airport.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu yesterday appointed a committee to examine the cause of the crash. The committee is headed by Tibi Ben-Shahar, who is responsible for flight safety in the Airports Authority.

El Al won't fire disabled pilots

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The official authority on employing disabled war veterans yesterday issued "employment orders" compelling El Al to retain three pilots who were due to be dismissed on April 4.

The authority, headed by Defence Ministry officials and including two public figures, may order any employer of more than 20 workers to hire disabled veterans.

El Al's management welcomed the decision because it had not wanted to fire the three pilots who had been injured in the Air Force. However, the pilots works committee had insisted that they be included in the 21 pilots being fired, under the "last in, first out" principle, as the national airline streamlined its operations.

El Al spokesman Kalman Bar-On said management would not fire three other pilots in their place.

Broadcasting budget okayed — for month, 2 months, year

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority Budget is the most-approved budget of any government authority.

The Knesset Finance Committee approved it yesterday for one month. The cabinet approved it yesterday for two months.

The authority's management committee approved it last week for 12 months, from April 1983 to March 1984.

The problem was created because only four of the seven members of the management committee turned up last week.

Two voted for, two voted against. The representatives of the Alignment and the NRP voted in favour, and the representatives of the Likud Liberals) and Likud (La'am) voted against.

Micha Yinon (NRP), who is acting chairman in the absence of Reuven Yaron, reminded his colleagues that since the rules of the authority give privileges as the chairman, the two-to-two tie vote was in fact a three-against-two approval of the budget. The authority's legal adviser, Natan Cohen, supported Yinon, quoting from the rules.

At yesterday's weekly cabinet meeting, however, Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat argued that the committee had acted illegally in approving the budget. He persuaded his colleagues to have Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir check the issue. Zamir said that on the face of it, Ben-Porat could be correct.

The cabinet ruled that the budget be approved for two months for the time being. If Zamir found discrepancies or illegalities, it ruled, the annual budget must be submitted a second time. If not, the annual budget could be considered approved.

The Finance Committee, which was meeting yesterday for the last time before the 1982/83 budget of the authority runs out, waited impatiently all morning to hear that the cabinet had approved the budget prior to its doing likewise.

But at 1 p.m. there was still no word from the cabinet, so the Finance Committee decided to approve a budget of one month and go home, assured that the show could go on from April 1.

SCHOLARSHIPS. — The Druse Zionist Organization on Friday set up a scholarship fund for Druse students, with the Jewish Agency contributing IS500,000.

Haifa retracts suspension order

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Town Hall yesterday withdrew a building suspension order against a resident and, as a result, Deputy Mayor Zvi Zimmerman, who issued it, will not have to appear in the city court. Formally, no reason was given for the suspension.

Zimmerman, who is shortly to take up the post of ambassador to New Zealand, was called as a witness by a Mt. Carmel resident, a coronary surgeon in the Carmel Hospital, who claimed that Zimmerman had issued the order improperly.

Zimmerman, who is also head of the Haifa Town Planning Committee, had issued the order to stop the surgeon from making an addition to his home, allegedly at the request of a neighbour, whose wife is a good friend of Zimmerman's daughter.

Judge Mordechai Hess accepted the city's decision to cancel the order without letting the case be heard. But he said it was doubtful whether the order had been based on proper legal and administrative considerations.

2 Lebanese hurt in grenade attack on IDF

NABATIYA (AFP). — Two local residents were wounded yesterday by a grenade which was thrown at an Israeli Defence Forces patrol in this Southern Lebanese town, local newspapers reported.

No IDF soldiers were reported wounded. The area was closed off following the attack and some 150 suspects were arrested. Most were released after investigation.

Anti-tank missile falls off army truck

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A TOW anti-tank missile of the type used by the Israel Defence Forces was detonated by a police sapper on Saturday night after it fell from the back of an army truck on the Haifa-Acre road near Kiryat Motzkin.

There was no damage, but the explosion created a minor panic in the area. The road was closed to all traffic for more than two hours. Seven flats in a nearby building were evacuated.

A citizen saw the missile fall from the truck and called police. Details of the incident have been turned over to the IDF.

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Lesotho says Pretoria responsible for attack

MASERU, Lesotho (Reuter). — Lesotho said yesterday that an armed group from South Africa suffered about 20 dead or wounded in an attack on a paramilitary barracks on the southern Lesotho border Saturday.

The joint statement by Lesotho's police and paramilitary force followed a Foreign Ministry statement on Saturday that Lesotho had sent a strongly worded protest to Pretoria holding South Africa responsible for the six-hour attack.

Yesterday's Lesotho statement also referred to the arrest of an unspecified number of black South African police who, it said, were being held for interrogation. The circumstances were not disclosed.

In Pretoria, a police spokesman described the Lesotho claims as nonsense.

The paramilitary headquarters in Maseru said that in a separate alleged incident one of its men was killed and another wounded in a grenade attack on a Roman Catholic mission at Pitseng in northern Lesotho early yesterday.

It said the wounded man was engaged in a gun battle with a white man who later escaped in a vehicle towards the South African border.

The communique also announced what it called a successful action against a group of saboteurs alleged to have been attempting to blow up a power plant in the capital Saturday night.

It said six of the saboteurs were captured and four escaped, and the paramilitary force seized a large quantity of detonating equipment.

Walesa tells supporters 'we'll win someday'

GDANSK (AP). — Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's outlawed Solidarity labour movement, told cheering supporters near the union's birthplace yesterday that "the time will come when we will win."

Walesa, who has recently sought to regain some of the prominence he commanded during the 16 months he led Solidarity, said he would be present when the union's activists go on trial.

The labour leader made a V-for-victory gesture as he spoke briefly to about 600 enthusiastic supporters shortly after a mass near the Lenin shipyards, where Solidarity emerged in August 1980.

Walesa until recently has avoided public appearances since being released in November from 11 months of solitary internment. But, beginning with a series of courtroom appearances to demonstrate support for Solidarity activists being tried for suspected martial law violations, Walesa has returned frequently to the public eye.

He said in mid-March that Solidarity supporters must choose more effective and more visible means to demonstrate "that we are *still here and that we will not give* up."

The state-run news media have largely ignored Walesa's appearances, although the Communist Party daily in Gdansk said Saturday that Walesa finds it "difficult to come to terms with his loss of popularity" and is seeking "sensation" to remain at the top of world press reports."

French MD, four soldiers killed in Nicaragua battles

MANAGUA. — A French doctor was killed Saturday in crossfire during a clash between government forces and rightist guerrillas in Nicaragua, Interior Minister Tomas Borge told reporters.

Four soldiers also died and 17 civilians were wounded in battles at Waslala, 300 kilometres northeast of Managua in the country's central mountainous region, he said.

Borge identified the Frenchman as Pierre Grosjean and said he was in Waslala under a French government aid programme to research a mountain leprosy disease.

Waslala lies just outside Matagalpa province, scene of heavy fighting in the past month between troops and a 2,000-man force of guerrillas which Nicaraguan officials said had infiltrated into the country from Honduras.

Military sources reported intense fighting raged in two other northern provinces and the guerrillas said they would keep battling until the Sandinista government is toppled.

The head of Nicaragua's ruling junta, Daniel Ortega, returned Saturday from a three-week trip during which he visited the Communist capitals of Havana, Moscow, Hanoi, Phnom Penh and Pyongyang. (Reuter, AP).

French travel agents protest cash limits

PARIS (Reuter). — A group of travel agents interrupted a meeting of the ruling Socialist Party in Paris yesterday to protest the strict spending limit on foreign travel in the government's new austerity package.

The travel agents forced newly appointed Foreign Trade and Tourism Minister Edith Cresson into a confrontation in the street over a measure limiting tourists to 2,000 francs (IS10,800) worth of foreign currency a year.

The measure is one of the most controversial in a 10-point package announced on Friday.

Open Letter to the Prime Minister

We, the undersigned, welcome legislation designed to improve services to, and the rights of children, and to compensate released soldiers, but we vigorously protest the discrimination against Arab families and their children, effected under cover of a law with provisions for ex-IDF personnel, and against the misleading use to which the name of the Israel Defence Forces has been put.

The law provides benefits for yeshiva students who are able to serve in the army, but who do not so serve. Only Arab citizens are excluded by the law. The State of Israel cannot tolerate the enacting of legislation, designed to make a distinction between citizens to discriminate between children, on the basis of ethnic and religious origin.

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The new law defeats the application of these principles.

We cannot accept a policy that divides citizens into two categories. We call on the Government of Israel to correct this distortion, as a matter of urgency, and to remove this national stain of deprivation and discrimination against one category of citizen, and the distortion of law and justice of giving preference to yeshiva students who can serve in the army but who evade this and all other forms of national service.

We call on all who believe in the principle of equality before the law and who oppose discrimination between citizens, to support this protest.

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220 Chileans held following riots

SANTIAGO (Reuter). — Chile's military government, condemning an outburst of street rioting as subversive, kept more than 220 young men and women behind bars Saturday facing possible charges of breaking security laws.

Interior Minister Enrique Montero said the country was back to normal after hundreds of demonstrators rioted in Santiago and other cities on Thursday night, pelting police with stones from behind street barricades.

The demonstrations, following a string of dynamite blasts in the capital, were listed as among the most acrimonious outbreaks of anti-government feeling since the armed forces came to power in 1973.

The detainees must be set free within five days of their arrest or be charged with breaking state security laws.

Anonymous leaflets had urged the demonstrations to protest official handling of an economy in which unemployment has reached 19 per cent and inflation 23 per cent.

El Salvador right-winger coy on future

SAN SALVADOR (Reuter). — Right-wing politician Roberto d'Aubuisson hinted yesterday that he might not stand in El Salvador's presidential election later this year *because of an international* propaganda campaign against him.

D'Aubuisson told a rally of his National Republican Alliance (ARENA) Party: "To say the name d'Aubuisson is a sin. If we, with this name, with this word, are not going to win I will not run. If d'Aubuisson has to go, then d'Aubuisson will accept this."

D'Aubuisson is president of El Salvador's Constituent Assembly. His party gained substantial control over the government in U.S.-sponsored elections last year.

But U.S. officials in San Salvador and Washington have said his extremism makes him an unreliable ally. His opposition to economic reforms and his alleged ties to right-wing death squads have alienated many congressmen.

Estonian dancer defects in Sweden

MALMOE (AP). — An Estonian ballet dancer on a tour in Sweden Saturday night left his troupe and requested political asylum citing political reasons, police said.

The man, a 29-year-old member of the Estonian Ballet, left his company at Nassjo, north of here, Saturday evening. He then took the train to Malmoe, where he and a Swedish friend contacted the authorities.

Gandhi insulted

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi says it is an insult to be called the only man in her cabinet, as journalists have frequently referred to her.

"It may not be an insult to men (in her government). But certainly it is an insult to me," the 65-year-old Prime Minister told members of a national commission on teachers Saturday.

Turkish FM in Syria

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen arrived yesterday on an official visit to Syria for talks on bilateral relations and developments in the Middle East, Syrian officials said.

In Ankara, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Turkmen would also discuss attacks by Armenian guerrillas on Turkish diplomats abroad.

Following the killing in Belgrade earlier this month of Turkey's Ambassador to Yugoslavia, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said it would take up the issue with countries where Ankara suspected militant Armenians were based.

Turkmen's visit to Syria follows a trip to Lebanon earlier this month where he is said to have raised the issue with President Amin Jemayel and asked him to take action against Armenian guerrilla groups based in Lebanon.

Soviets blame Afghan damage on insurgents

MOSCOW (AP). — Anti-government insurgents have burned down or destroyed more than half of Afghanistan's hospitals, half its schools, three-quarters of all its communications lines and 14 per cent of all state-owned road transport, the Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* said Saturday.

In addition, the insurgents have "partially" damaged a number of hydroelectric power plants and heating plants, the government newspaper said.

It estimated total damage in nearly five years of guerrilla warfare as equivalent to half the sum spent developing Afghanistan in the 20 years before a Soviet-backed regime first took power in Kabul in 1978.

The figures were the first in a recent flurry of Soviet reports on the damage wreaked by insurgents fighting the Afghan government.

They were published in a long article repeating standard Soviet accusations that the U.S. is aiding the Afghan rebels. *Izvestia* claimed Washington had devoted more than $1 billion to this cause.

The official news agency TASS said on March 6 that the rebels had destroyed 1,800 schools and more than 100 hospitals and medical centres. But it did not convey to what extent this had dented Afghanistan's ability to educate or offer medical care to its citizens.

A week ago, reports by TASS from Kabul and in the newspaper *Sovietskaya Rossiya* conveyed some idea of the economic havoc Afghanistan faces.

The reports spoke of food and other shortages and of the urgent need to rebuild industrial plants or get supplies to other factories idled by guerrilla strikes at communications.

Iran won't help control oil slicks from the Gulf war

KUWAIT (AP). — Kuwait was exerting itself yesterday to arrange an accord with warring Iraq and Iran to combat a massive oil slick threatening Gulf coastlines, Health Minister Abdel-Rahman al-Awadi announced.

But Iran yesterday announced it did not consider itself committed to the Gulf convention to control oil slicks.

Al-Awadi, who also is executive director of the Regional Organization for Environment Protection, said contacts were under way with Iran to obtain permission for specialized teams who were to sail into war zones and combat the slick.

He expressed hopes that an agreement would be reached within the coming days, before the teams could be sent to deal with the threat.

In Teheran, Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musari yesterday announced that Iran was no longer committed to the Gulf Pollution Control Convention.

He told reporters after a cabinet meeting that Iran has "halted the commitments it bears with regard to the Kuwait convention for creating suitable guarantees in order to control further oil leaks into the waters."

The Iranian news agency quoted him as saying that Iraq rocketed the oil wells "in total disregard to the pollution problems this would cause to the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait which, ironically, have not assumed any strict stance against Iraq."

The Kuwait convention was signed four years ago by the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council in addition to Iraq and Iran for the exchange of information and coordination of efforts to fight oil pollution in the Gulf.

Al-Awadi said the slick was still about 108 kilometres away from the Kuwait coastline, "but with wind speed the slick moves in our direction at 5.4 kilometres a day...The slick will reach our shore in 20 days at the most."

Preliminary surveillance has estimated the size of the slick at between 50,000 and 100,000 barrels. The oil has been leaking from the Iranian Nowruz area, 60 kilometres south of Iran's main oil export terminal at Kharg Island.

U.S. regrets Soviet reaction to new defence programme

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. regrets both the tone and content of an interview by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in yesterday's Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* on America's new defence policy, the State Department said.

"We regret the tone and content of Soviet Communist Party leader Andropov's response to the president's speech on defence policy," an official statement said.

"Mr. Andropov, while repeating the false allegation that the administration's defence programme represents an effort to attain strategic superiority over the USSR, effectively admits that the Soviet Union's own defence efforts outstrip those of the U.S. over the past decade.

"This is consistent with the evidence that the USSR's overall defence outlays since 1972, whether calculated in dollars or rubles, exceeded those of the U.S. by a substantial margin.

"The United States has sought to establish stable balances in nuclear and conventional forces at significantly reduced levels through the START (Strategic Arms Reduction Talks), INRF (Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces) and MBFR (Mutual Balance Force Reductions) negotiations," the department said.

Meanwhile, Senator Daniel Inouye said that President Ronald Reagan misled the American public when he claimed the Soviet Union was gaining superiority in nuclear weapons.

Speaking Friday night for the Democratic Party in a televised response to Reagan's speech on Wednesday, the Hawaiian senator said: "He left the impression that the United States is at the mercy of the Soviet Union.

"Most respectfully, Mr. President, you know that is not true. Our scientists, our engineers, our generals are not dunces.

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Inouye said Reagan made the statements about Soviet nuclear superiority to gain support for his defence budget, which the Democrats want to cut.

Former U.S. agent tells of plot to kill Barbie after war

DAYTON, Ohio (AP). — A former U.S. army officer has alleged that U.S. agents wanted to kill Gestapo officer Klaus Barbie rather than turn him over to French intelligence after World War II, a local newspaper reported yesterday.

At one point, American agents even drew straws to determine who would carry out the assassination, said Gene Bramel of Centerville, near Dayton, in a copyright story in *The Daily News*.

"We trusted the French just about as much as we did the Russians," said Bramel, who was a sergeant in the 16th Army Counter-Intelligence Corps in Augsburg, Germany.

"Here was an intelligence service that we didn't trust wanting a man... who could identify indigenous personnel who worked (for us), and we could not allow this...We could not let the French have him," Bramel said.

The French wanted Barbie for war crimes he committed while Gestapo chief in Lyon.

He fled Germany to South America in the early 1950s. Last month, Bolivia expelled him and he was flown to France for trial.

"We were informed the air force had come up with an alternate plan...and that was to get him to South America. That's all we were told and we weren't in on anything after that," Bramel wrote.

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UN chief in Moscow for talks on Afghanistan

MOSCOW (AP). — UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in Moscow yesterday for talks with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov. The talks are expected to focus on Afghanistan.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other Soviet officials welcomed Perez de Cuellar at Moscow Airport, the official news agency TASS reported. He is expected to remain in Moscow until tomorrow.

A spokesman for Perez de Cuellar said earlier this month that indirect UN-sponsored talks between the Soviet-backed regime in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which is flooded with Afghani refugees, will resume in Geneva next month. Pakistan is demanding that the Soviet Union withdraw its estimated 105,000 troops from Afghanistan.

Fraser quitting politics after poll defeat

CANBERRA (Reuter). — Former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said yesterday he would quit politics on Thursday, just 26 days after his conservative government was swept from power by the Labour Party.

The election defeat was a bitter blow to Fraser, who in calling the snap poll eight months before his government's term was due to expire was confident the electorate still supported him.

Fraser, 52, who headed the Liberal-National Party coalition government since 1975, said in a statement that resigning after 28 years in parliament had been a sad and difficult decision.

Fraser quit the Liberal Party leadership immediately after the March 5 election and was succeeded by Andrew Peacock, a former foreign minister.

Another UA reporter in trouble in Zimbabwe

LONDON (AP). — British diplomats in Zimbabwe have intervened on behalf of the London *Sunday Times* reporter David Blundy, whose passport was seized Saturday and who was ordered not to leave the country, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said officials from the British High Commission in Harare visited Blundy, 37, after the Foreign Office instructed them to raise the case "as a matter of urgency" with Zimbabwe authorities.

Blundy is the second British reporter to run afoul of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government, both apparently for their reporting of the violence in Matabeleland province, the stronghold of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo who fled to London on March 13 in fear of his life.

Nick Worrall of the London *Guardian* has been ordered to leave the country by the end of the month.

PEACE. — Paintings on the theme of peace by the Austrian artist Ernst Degasperi are being exhibited at Haifa's Beit Hagefen Arab-Jewish community centre.

Sports

Glickstein vs. Lendl

Shlomo Glickstein encounters top seed Ivan Lendl in the first round of the $360,000 clay court tournament at Monte Carlo, which starts today.

The prospects for Glickstein appear daunting, as Lendl comes to Monte Carlo straight from a victory in the Cuore Tennis Cup final in Milan. He defeated South African *Kevin Curren 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 in a thrill*ing match in which Lendl played superb tennis. Nevertheless, Curren, 25, unseeded, forced the Czech superstar to produce his very best tennis to win, and then only in a tiebreaker, so Glickstein may produce a surprise. But Lendl is always very happy when he plays on clay.

One of the most interesting matches in the opening round at Monte Carlo will pit Bjorn Borg, in his last tournament before retiring, against the third seed, Jose Luis Clerc. Borg, whose official residence is in Monte Carlo, entered the tournament as a wild card along with Ilie Nastase and Harold Solomon.

The draw was carried out by Borg's wife, Marina.

Derwall's headaches

HAMBURG (Reuter). — Saturday's top-of-the-table soccer clash between Bayern Munich and Hamburg, which ended in a 1-1 draw, has left the destiny of the West German First Division title undecided.

But it has done little to ease national manager Jupp Derwall's problems before Wednesday's *European Championship qualifying* match in Albania. Three of his top players limped out of the match and will miss the Group Six clash which Derwall knows he must win to restore some of the nation's waning soccer prestige.

Hamburg striker Juergen Milewski was first to withdraw from the national squad last night after injuring his leg in the gruelling battle with Bayern. Then Bayern's Wolfgang Dremmler, who gashed his leg, and Hamburg's Wolfgang Rolff, who twisted an ankle, pulled out.

Derwall is keeping Barcelona's Bernd Schuster on call but the battling midfielder has already said he wants to stay at home because his wife is expecting a baby.

World Cup veteran Paul Breitner, who scored Bayern's equaliser in Saturday's clash, wrenched a knee and will be out for at least a month. Breitner, who retires at the end of the season, was not in the squad for the Albania match.

"My task is truly not an easy one," Derwall commented ruefully.

In a European Cup Group Three match yesterday, Hungary beat Luxembourg 6-2, Poczik getting a hat-trick.

Chinese magic

WEMBLEY (AP). — Luan Jin, of China, yesterday won the men's singles title at the all-England Badminton Championships here, defeating defending champion Morten Frost of Denmark, 15-2, 12-15, 15-4, in 52 minutes.

In a repeat of last year's final, Jin, the first Chinese player to win the prestigious trophy, turned the tables on his European opponent with a brilliant display of all-action badminton that often had Frost mesmerized.

Afterwards, Frost said: "I have never been involved in a match quite like that before. His tactics were superb — he was the real master and I could do nothing about it. Maybe by the time we meet again I will have worked something out."

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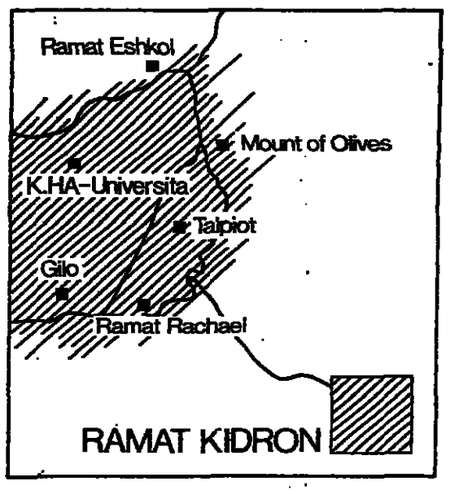
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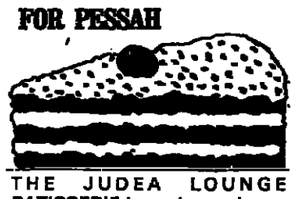
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A cynical exercise

By YOSEF GOELL

"And when ye shall come into the land... the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt..." (Leviticus 19:23,24).

"The State of Israel...will maintain full social and political equality for all her citizens, without distinction of religion, race or sex." (Israel's Declaration of Independence).

IN COMMENTING on traditional Jewish attitudes to "the stranger who sojourneth with thee," one should of course add Ze'ev Jabotinsky's anthem for Menachem Begin's Betar movement, "Two Banks Has the Jordan," in which he sang of a Jewish state in which "the son of Araby, the son of Nazareth and my own son will dwell in joy and comfort," and Chaim Weizmann's statement that the future Jewish state would be judged by its attitude to its non-Jewish minorities.

It is because these attitudes are so deeply imbedded in Jewish tradition that last week's cynical political exercise in turning summersaults to make sure that Arab children are not the recipients of politically decreed large-family grants, sticks in the craw. It leaves one feeling dirty.

It all starts with Tami, Israel's first clearly ethnic party to succeed in getting a foot in the doorway of Knesset and cabinet representation and its crude practice of Tammany Hall spoils politics at its worst.

The party, which has seen its fortunes waning in the public opinion polls, issued an ultimatum to the Begin government that unless its proposal for large-family grants was legislated in full by the end of this month, it would quit the coalition. The strange thing is that in its present configuration, the Begin coalition is just *not* dependent on Tami's three Knesset votes.

In any case, after valorous and, at times, devious attempts by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor to defend the public treasury against this raid by Tami, it was concluded that there was no choice but to surrender to last-minute budgetary ultimatums by Tami, NRP and Agudat Yisrael. This surrender was arranged at the 11th hour of the winter Knesset session.

Since the real purpose was buying the votes of large families for Tami, and theoretically of encouraging the Jewish birth-rate (of which more later), the legislation was framed so that only Jewish families would receive the grants. Due to the higher birth rate of Israeli Arabs, the total number of children eligible for such grants in the much smaller Arab sector is about equal to that among the Jews. Including the Arabs in the deal, however, would have meant an additional outlay of up to IS2 billion a year.

AT THE 59th minute of that 11th hour, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir stepped in and argued that the overt act of discrimination entailed in the proposed legislation was so blatant as to make it unacceptable.

His argument was persuasive up to a point. That point did not go so far as a readiness to include Arab families in the scheme, but rather the exercise of fertile minds to find a convenient, if no less reprehensible, subterfuge.

The Knesset Finance Committee decided to switch the legislative basis of the payments to an extension of an existing arrangement whereby special tax exemption credits are granted for the children of families, at least one member of which has served in the armed forces, meaning Jews (and Druse) but not Arabs.

This arrangement has been in force since 1970, when Israel was ruled by a Labour government, and was also discriminatory against Arabs.

The give-away of the basic intent of discrimination was that at that time, too, *yeshiva* students in Agudat Yisrael *yeshivas* — who do not serve in the army as a matter of principle, but who constitute the bulk of the number of Jewish families with more than three children — were given similar credits as a result of a quietly adopted, but unpublicized, decision of the Knesset Finance Committee.

Now again, at the 59th second of the 59th minute, Agudat Yisrael MKs, including the powerful chairman of the Finance Committee, woke up to the intention that their *yeshiva* protegees would be excluded from the new give-away, and they put their foot down. The families of these students — draft evaders to a man in a year when close to 500 other young Israelis lost their lives in a Lebanese war which was cynically supported by the four Aguda MKs — will be permitted to push in their snouts, too, at the public trough.

THE YEAR 1983 is not 1970, however, and two Labour Alignment Arab MKs, both fathers of large families, Mohammed Watad and Hamad Haleile, have applied for an order *nisi* from the High Court of Justice to quash the legislation, claiming unconstitutional discrimination.

Two arguments have been adduced in favour of this obviously discriminatory approach. One is that the Jewish people, after its decimation in the Holocaust, has every right to encourage its own survivors to be fruitful and to multiply. The trouble is that after 12 years of experience with the special tax credits to Jewish families — both those whose men serve in the army and those who are addicted to draft-dodging — there is absolutely no evidence that financial aid of the magnitude that an Israeli governmental budget can afford has any effect on the birth rate.

The fertility rate of second-generation Jewish women of Moslem country origin has been going down and is levelling off at the levels of Israel's European origin families.

Interestingly, so also have the fertility rates of young Arab women in Israel been plummeting. In both cases, the major factor would seem to be the association of having relatively small families with being modern — with all that the term implies.

THERE WERE proposals in 1970, and similar ones have cropped up now, to have the discriminatory child-support payments come from the Jewish Agency. The problem there, especially if one remembers that the whole issue is one of Tami pork-barrel politics, is that Tami does not have that sort of political clout in the Jewish Agency executive, to put the squeeze on its overextended budgets.

A second argument in favour of such overt discrimination against Arab families and children has been put forward unabashedly by the leading idealogue of Israel's Herut-lining nationalist right, Dr. Israel Eldad.

Writing in last week's *Ha'aretz* under the headline "Justified Discrimination," Eldad argued that it is mistaken to seek to judge Israel by the criteria of a fully-formed Western liberal society, when it is still smack in the middle of a national revolution, which requires other standards of judgment and other concepts of public morality.

It is, of course, an argument of sorts. It is exactly the argument used by the Grabski government of 1920 Poland, with which Dr. Eldad should be very familiar, which practised an extreme form of economic anti-Semitism against the large Jewish minority of newly independent Poland and which drove many Jews to migrate, including into the Fourth Aliya to this country.

The argument then was that a newly independent Catholic Poland, in the early revolutionary stage of its own national renascence could not tolerate its Jewish minority continuing to control its commerce and economy.

Similar arguments were heard among the anti-Semitic ultra-nationalists of 1930s Germany, earlier in anti-Semitic Rumania, when it first received its independence in the late 19th century; and in today's Soviet Union, which bars its Jews from leading universities and good jobs.

Eldad's argument is for an Israel based on similar principles of national "social justice."

Jews who have ascended to Israel from their respective backgrounds as oppressed minorities in different discriminatory settings should be the foremost in the international community to be sensitive to such discrimination and to fight it.

It is especially on the eve of Pessah, the festival that marks our liberation as a people from bondage, that we should harken to our own heritage which decreed: "...Ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger and for him that was born in the land." (Numbers 9:14).

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The Khomeini fluke

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

AFTER the Iranian revolution, Islamic fundamentalism is now very popular in Egypt and Syria. But military or other authoritative regimes can survive for a long time, provided their security is good. Ayatollah Khomeini was a political fluke, and came to power because of the Shah's failure rather than his own success.

This evaluation was made by Professor Elie Kedourie, of the London School of Economics, in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. The noted expert on the Middle East gave a lecture on the crisis in Islam at Haifa University last week.

Kedourie sees fundamentalism's popularity as due to its grass-roots appeal, "speaking to the people in their own language about their own problems of confrontation with the difficulties and predicaments of modern civilization." Islamic fundamentalism addresses spiritual rather than material deprivations, and eloquent orators provide answers for them.

In Iran, the fundamentalists were able to topple the government because the Shah lost his nerve at the critical time, and vacillated between the iron fist and the velvet glove. President Assad in Syria, on the other hand, ruthlessly put down what amounted to an insurrection in Hama last year. Sadam Hussein of Iraq had also managed to survive, despite the country's ethnic and religious differences, thanks to his tight security.

KEDOURIE believes that the Khomeini regime has a good chance of surviving after the octogenarian ruler himself dies, because of the "very good religious network his men control throughout the land. Every mullah in every village serves the regime. They are the people and provide the regime with country wide control."

Furthermore, "in the Middle East, governments enjoy tremendous prestige and are hard to topple, unless the army conducts the insurrection," he said, pointing out that in Egypt, the murder of President Sadat by fundamentalists had not shaken the regime.

He feels that Saddam Hussein made "a foolish miscalculation" in going to war against Iran. He could not have won even if he had destroyed the Iranian army, as he would have been unable to control the country, being hard-pressed to control his own. Iran, on the other hand, had adopted the wise policy of sapping Iraq's strength.

"Two not very good armies were unable to win a decision," said Kedourie. "But Iran has managed to reduce Iraq's vital oil exports to a trickle, making it dependent on aid from the oil states, which are now themselves in difficulties owing to falling oil prices. Keeping his army on the border, Khomeini is wearing out the Iraqis by the mere threat of action, while he himself is able to continue oil exports and pay his way. After his success in toppling the Shah, Khomeini seems to be trusting his luck."

Kedourie was not prepared to predict what might be expected in Libya. While Muammar Gaddafi did not have to fear threats from the Moslem Brotherhood, he might be felled by a couple of bullets at any moment, as Sadat had been, but it was impossible to say whether his government would survive such an occurrence.

WITH REGARD to the chances of more Arab states making peace with Israel, Kedourie stressed that Islamic law makes it very clear that there can be no peace with unbelievers, only an armistice. Nevertheless, the Ottomans in their last years made peace with infidels, as did Persia with Russia and Britain.

"There is a gap between religious law and behaviour, an almost universal phenomenon. Through the ages, Islamic countries have coexisted with non-Moslem states, Egypt has after all signed a peace treaty with Israel, which on the face of it is like any peace treaty anywhere in the world."

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Perverse kind of love

By BARRY SHENKAR

A FEW WEEKS ago, fires raged through two Australian states. Seventy people died. Television provided extensive reports on the tragedy and left no doubt about the scale of suffering.

Shortly after the Australian fires, communal violence erupted in the Indian state of Assam. Over a thousand innocent people were butchered. The massacre received some attention from television, but far less than the Australian tragedy. Newspaper coverage gave Assam no more space than lesser incidents; editorials expressed dismay and some regret at the slaughter. And before all that, there was the Lebanon war...

Events sometimes occur in or around Israel which, however tragic or downright despicable, are no worse than similar incidents elsewhere. Jews are outraged when the latter receive only cursory reactions from non-Jews, with fleeting comment and token criticism, unlike the condemnation to which Israel is subjected. Conventional Jewish wisdom is quite clear about this: it's all because of anti-Semitism, hypocrisy, a desire to expiate (Western) guilt for the Holocaust, and so on. The real reasons, though, are more complex. A simple reduction to some kind of anti-Jewish attitude will not do.

Western attitudes towards Israel quite definitely stem from racism — but this does not make them anti-Semitic. On the contrary, the real racism lies in *not* reporting or condemning incidents like the Assam massacre.

MORE IMPORTANT though is the attitude towards the perpetrators of massacres. That is almost the ultimate racism. If Indians in Assam go on the rampage, well, what do you expect of them anyway? *White* people, people like *us* committing a massacre? Really, they should know better. It's all right for the savages, this kind of thing, but not for civilized folk. The Jews are seen as a better class of people: which means that in a perverse way the condemnation of Israel for the Beirut massacre was a compliment, but given the reasons, a compliment we could well do without.

Not only are we letting the "good," "white," "Western" side down, we are also touching a raw nerve in Western society, by exposing through our misdeeds and poor judgments what all societies are capable of. It is a well-known psychological phenomenon that inappropriately excessive criticism of another's actions (e.g. a parent ruling against a child's tidiness) stems largely from the critic's fear that he himself possesses the trait he is criticizing. Every time one Western society commits an atrocity, it reminds the rest of us how capable we are of such deeds.

Let's not forget that between them Hitler and Stalin have accounted for the largest atrocities in human history; not the blacks or the orientals or the Arabs. The west simply cannot bear to be reminded as to what depths supposedly civilized society is capable of descending. Every time Israel indulges in something unpalatable, the West squirms in discomfort and comes out with a holier-than-thou chorus of condemnation, not because of the incident itself, but to justify to themselves that they are "really" civilized, that they would never do such a thing.

Admittedly, though, Israel presents a special case. As an analogy let us look at the gutter press in Britain. They thrive on certain kinds of story. The simple equation that sensationalism sells newspapers may be true; the question is why? For example; why do howls of delight go up — suitably disguised as righteous condemnation — whenever a vicar is caught *in flagrante delicto* with the local barmaid? The reason is that society needs, yet detests, its goodie-goodies.

SOCIETY HAS individuals and rituals designed to remind us of the standards of goodness we should aspire to. Yet we all know that to maintain those standards consistently is impossible (and boring?), even a danger to survival.

So every time we can show that the moral arbiters of society are in fact no better than the rest of us, we find our cynicism confirmed and heave a sigh of relief. We want to have the highest moral standards set for us — but cannot cope with them being thrust in our faces.

"It's easy to see how Israel fits into this scheme of things. Israel has had phenomenal achievements during its short history: so the West loves Israel and cheers it on from the sidelines. The Jews have suffered incredibly in their long history; so the West sees Israel as the apotheosis of human conscience. And that's where the problem lies.

The reasons that make Israel such an object of admiration also make it an object of disproportionate criticism. The world wants Israel to be a knight in shining armour (aided and abetted by Israel itself), but at the same time cannot tolerate it as such. They also want Israel to be like all the other nations — nasty, aggressive, ethnocentric and indulging in international shenanigans.

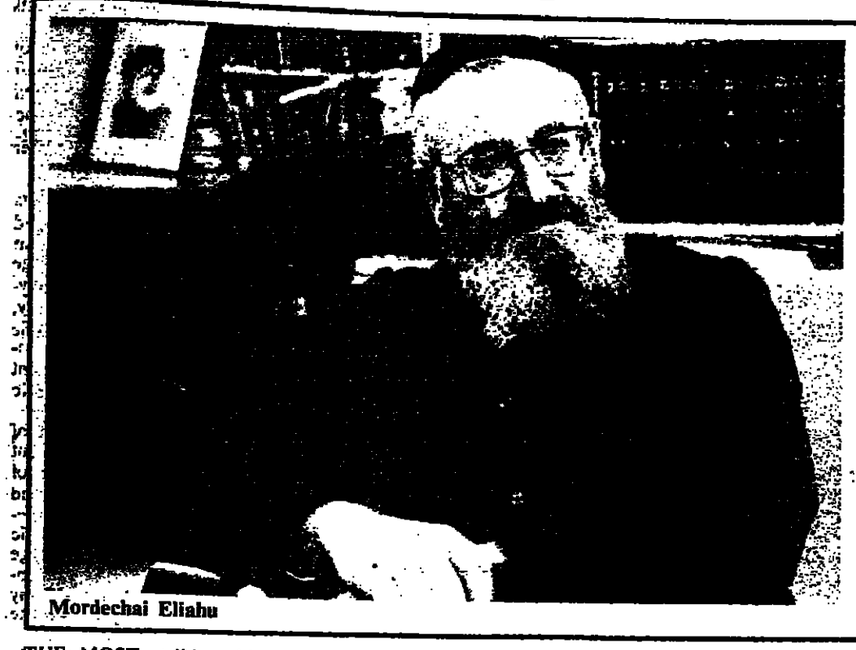
The moment Israel is like that, the rest of the world can breathe easy again: now it's kosher for everyone to be like that. So, whenever Israel commits a crime, other countries cry out not for the sake of morality and certainly not for the sake of Israel, but for their own sakes, in order to persuade themselves that their own fallibilities are excusable.

No doubt some people criticize Israel for sinister reasons, such as anti-Semitism. For my part, I see it as a bizarre kind of philo-Semitism. But like the child who is told that he is being punished only because he is loved, I'd rather that the world found other ways of displaying its affections.

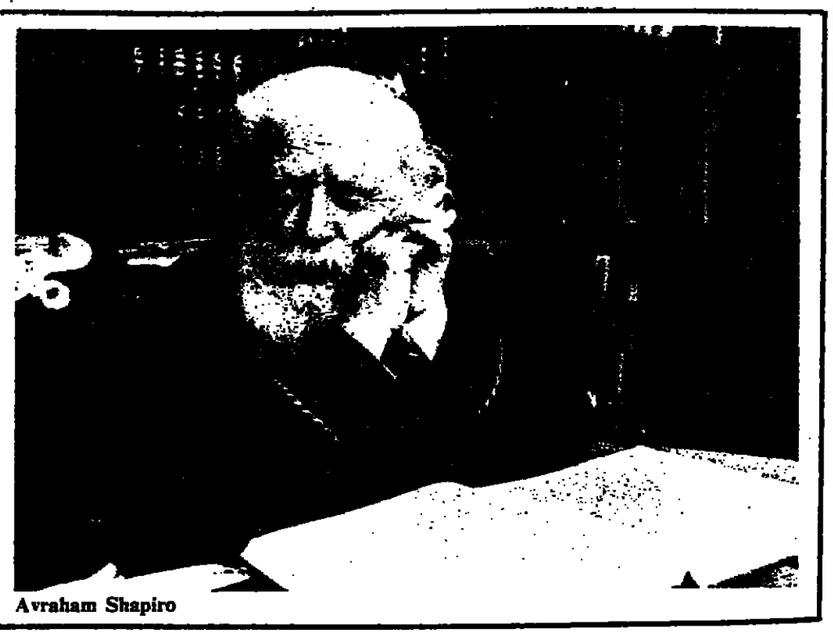
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The Post's Haim Shapiro meets the new chief rabbis of Israel. Isaiah Karlinsky took the photographs

THE TWO AT THE TOP



Mordechai Eliahu



Avraham Shapiro

THE MOST striking thing about Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro is that they obviously have not yet recovered from the shock of being thrust into the limelight.

Although the elections were scheduled to take place, everyone had assumed that the Chief Rabbinate Election Law would be changed and Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, would continue to serve — or would at least be allowed to stand for re-election. Although both the new incumbents have always been busy men, life as public figures is very different from anything they have been accustomed to.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, the Rishon Lezion, admits that it is very hard for him. He continues to sit on the Rabbinical High Court, to teach at a number of yeshivot, and to advise those who come to him with halachic questions.

"My days were busy before," he says, "but now my nights are busy as well. If I want to study, I must get up at three in the morning."

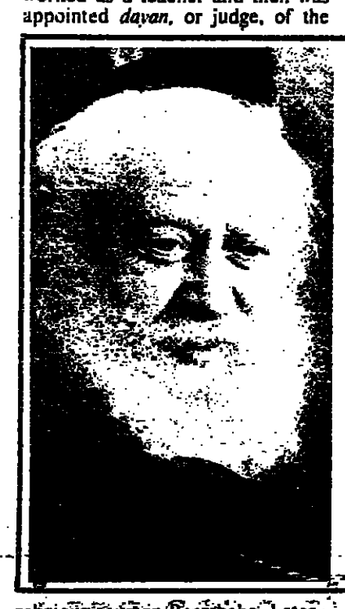
The telephone keeps ringing throughout the interview. "Is it a question of halacha?" his wife asks each caller, and if it was is, she gives the chief rabbi the instrument. With the approach of Pessah, most of the questions concern the preparations for the holidays.

Asked who the callers are, he answers, "Ordinary Jews, but they are in the habit of coming to me and I can't turn them away now."

Born in the Old City of Jerusalem 54 years ago, Eliahu is descended from a family of Tora scholars on his mother's side. His father, on the other hand, was a businessman who studied English, French and Arabic in his native Iraq before deciding to devote his life to the study of Tora.

But his father died when the future chief rabbi was still a young child and his mother was forced to support the family. More than once, he recalls, he went to bed hungry. Poverty did not keep him from studying, however, and he would learn during the day, taking odd jobs in the evening.

The family left the Old City during the War of Independence, but continuing his studies, he first worked as a teacher and then was appointed *dayan*, or judge, of the religious court in Beersheba. Later, he became a Jerusalem regional *dayan*, and 12 years ago was appointed to the Rabbinical High Court.



'Journalists don't distort what I say on purpose, but they hear only what they want to hear'

As for his present position, Chief Rabbi Eliahu admits that it can be interpreted in more than one way. He can sit back and wait for people to come to him, or he can go out to them. For himself, he is eager to go out and teach Tora to the people. Not just the so-called religious public he stresses, but everyone.

He intends to go out to settlements, moshavim and kibbutzim, religious and non-religious. Nor, he adds, is one visit enough. At least he would like to convince them to have a local rabbi visit regularly.

RABBI Abraham Shapiro, the Ashkenazi chief rabbi, was also born in the Old City of Jerusalem, 64 years ago. "It is my great honour," he says, "to be a sixth-generation Jerusalemite." In fact, though he does not mention the fact, his grandfather, Rabbi Ya'acov Leib Levy, was the head of the first Ashkenazi rabbinical court in the Holy City.

"It was a world within a world," he says. "People were humble and studied the Tora. They were satisfied with what they had and didn't try to stand out. It was a modest way of life. Today it is hard to understand. The whole family lived for study."

He, too, followed a life of study. For the last 30 years he has been at the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva, named for his mentor, Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kook. Last year, after the death of Rabbi Kook's son, Shapiro became the head of the yeshiva. It was he who led a delegation of rabbis to Prime Minister Menachem Begin and opposition leader MK Shimon Peres in an effort to change the law and enable the former chief rabbis to stay on.

Within eight hours, he found himself besieged by journalists and photographers. "I think journalists are a little deaf," he says, his clear blue eyes sparkling above his snowy white beard. "They don't distort what I say on purpose, but they hear only what they want to hear."

As for getting used to being the chief rabbi, he notes that luckily, the position is divided into two parts, the office of head of the Rabbinical High Court and that of head of the Chief Rabbinical Council. By law, the two incumbents alternate in the two roles, although he admitted that there was not a total division.

In any case, he says, he is used to the religious courts, on which he has served for almost 30 years. As for the rabbinate, he admits that it is far more complex.

LIKE HIS colleague, Rabbi Shapiro intends to steer clear of questions which are political rather than halachic. Although both were said to be the favoured candidates of the National Religious Party, both have expressed a desire to be quite removed from party politics.

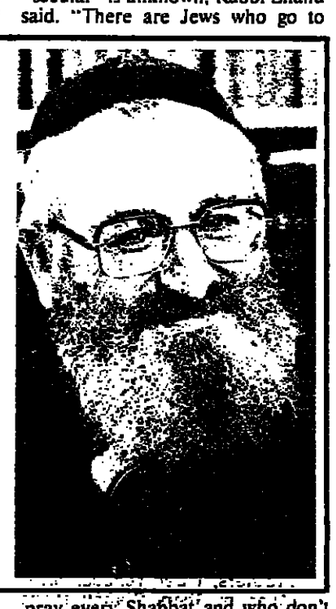
There are, on the other hand, questions where the division is a fine one. Speaking of the conflict last year between archeologists and religious groups that objected to a dig in what they claimed was a medieval Jewish cemetery, both chief rabbis felt that this was a question of halacha. Graves could not be disturbed.

Nor do they differ about the recent efforts of Jews to establish a presence on the Temple Mount. Following the ruling of the Rambam, they regard the site as holy and say we are forbidden to ascend the Mount.

Rabbi Eliahu notes that as far as he is concerned, everyone, Jew and non-Jew alike, is forbidden to tread on it. "But," he adds, "I wouldn't throw the non-Jews off it." As for Rabbi Shapiro, he feels that if the youngsters involved in the recent attempt had consulted with rabbis beforehand, it would never have occurred. He even goes so far as to cite a line from the Gemara which says that if young people say one should rebuild the Temple, one should not rebuild it.

BOTH BELIEVE that Judea and Samaria are part of the Land of Israel and belong to the Jewish people; but neither is interested in becoming involved in political decisions concerning the administered territories. There are experts whose job it is to deal with it, Rabbi Eliahu said.

Nor is either of them fazed by the thought of serving as chief rabbi for a largely non-observant population. Among Sephardim, the term "secular" is unknown, Rabbi Eliahu said. "There are Jews who go to pray every Shabbat and who don't light a fire in their house on Shabbat and yet, if you ask them, will describe themselves as non-religious."



My days were very busy before, but now my nights are busy as well'

As far as he is concerned, he said, a woman wearing pants can come and ask him a question of halacha. Most Sephardim, he is convinced, observe the laws of kashrut and family purity. "It's my job to get them to observe, to teach and explain."

Rabbi Shapiro asked rhetorically what one meant by non-observant. "Every Jew observes some *mitzvot*," he asserted. Practically all will attend a seder and eat matza on Pessah, but even rabbis don't observe all the *mitzvot*.

But he added that the Jews, especially in the Land of Israel have the land and a common language (even, he added for the benefit of *The Jerusalem Post*, if they speak English). Only an apostate has no part in the *mitzvot*.

ASKED FOR a Pessah message for *The Post*, Rabbi Eliahu said that the Jews were not just freed from servitude to man; they were also committed to servitude to the Holy One, blessed be He. The first message of the Lord to Moses, he said, was to take the people of Israel out of Egypt to worship the Lord at a mountain.

He also noted the theme that in every generation the nations seek to destroy us. We aren't even aware of all that is planned against us, he said, and it is only the Lord who saves us.

Rabbi Shapiro said no one is free who does not study the Tora. Today there are those who have stopped learning not just for one, but for two or three generations. But there is now a realization that this lack of learning has led to a sense of emptiness, and this is what prompts the movement of return. In fact, he is greatly encouraged by the flowering of Tora study. The yeshivot are full, including those for the newly observant. There is unprecedented study of Tora among women as well.

Another problem of the day, he said, is the conflict within Israel. We must tolerate each other even with differences in beliefs.

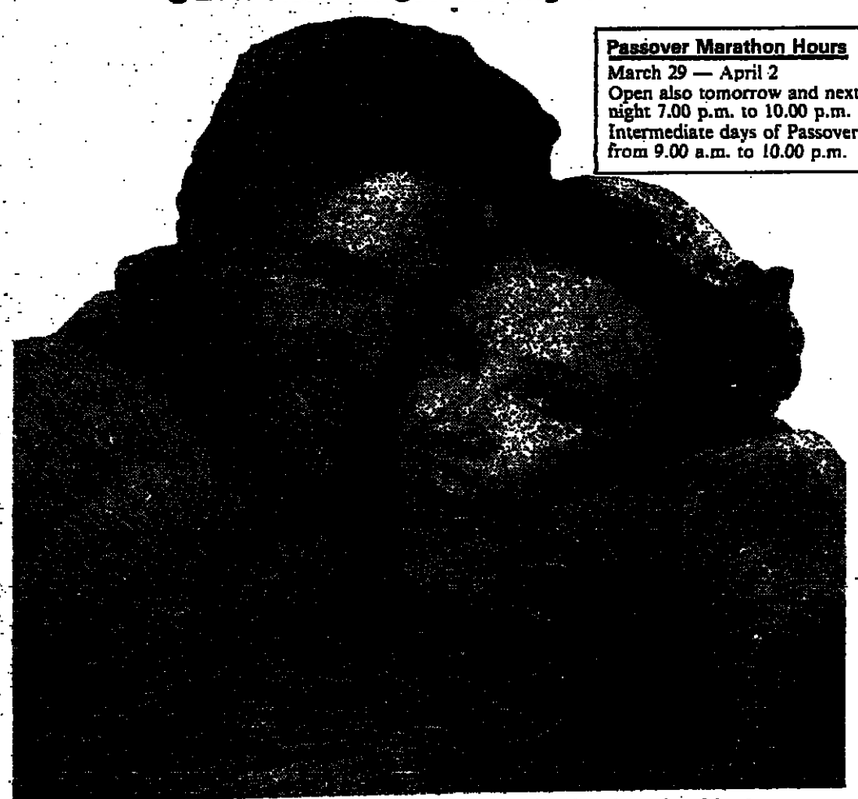
After the present tension, he concluded, toleration will return.

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GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

Old-new considerations

By JOSEPH P. STERNSTEIN / Special to The Jerusalem Post

IT HAS BEEN suggested recently that Diaspora Jewry should strike out on its own as an independent and viable entity, relating to Israel as an equal spiritual partner. This "balance," as one recent writer terms it, is implicit in the conception that the Diaspora does, and should, have a life of its own.

This plea for "balance" between love for Israel and fealty to the Greater Israel that sustained our Jewishness over the many centuries of our dispersion, and which is defined as "a faith, a culture, a commitment to social justice and to the dignity of man created in the likeness of his Maker" is Dubnowian and Zangwillian in its historical sense.

They, too, in their fashion, argued that the Diaspora should be nurtured for its own sake, unshackled and unburdened by adherence to a political or territorial entity. Theirs was the modern delineation of a *Yerushalayim shel Ma'ala* — ethereal, celestial, unearthly, unsullied by the mire of day-to-day living.

Those who are sceptical of a central, national homeland vent their frustration by observing that the fulfilled establishment of the state has not neutralized anti-Semitism, nor has it solved the problems of Judaism and the Jewish people. Hence, they argue, the Zionist thesis which predicted the configurations of such a future can now be laid to rest, or at least held in abeyance.

It is also claimed that gaining land for the Jews creates the danger of diminishing our own proud Jewish values, and as a result our Jewish position in the world. Thus it follows logically that territorial security and power (that suspect attribute) are augmented in inverse proportion to Jewish moral integrity.

IT IS PUZZLING that these ideological strictures are now being submitted to, and published with alacrity by, publications of general circulation. One wonders why the readers of these general publications are so eager to read about the internal debates of Jewish ideology and culture; whether they wish to accentuate the alleged erosion of American-Jewish support for Israel.

None the less, this position should be judged on its merits. It is true that the majority of world Jewry lives outside Israel; that it is strong and active; that Jews have lived creative and inspiring lives for two millennia without a Jewish state; and that the spiritual and cultural climate within Israel leaves much to be desired. What, then, is wrong *with this position*?

When a Zionist emphasizes the centrality of Israel, he does not dismiss the Diaspora. He does, however, reject it as normatively equal with Zion. Zionism notes that our homeland is the only laboratory in which the unalloyed and undiluted collective life of the Jew can be fashioned and moulded.

Even given the shortcomings of Israeli society, Jewish life in the Diaspora cannot be compared with the spiritual and cultural potential of Jewish life in Israel. A Zionist says that we do not have a worth independent of Israel.

The size and political clout of the American Jewish community colours its image of itself. The repeated appeals for American-Jewish intervention invest American Jewry with an importance which spills over into the spiritual and ideological realm.

It is only natural that some Diaspora leaders have exploited this fact, often to Israel's detriment. It is also possible that those who today preach freedom from spiritual dependence on Israel are really expressing their political disagreement with the policies of the Begin Government.

Was the argument for a *Yerushalayim shel Ma'ala* ever a historical norm, an ideal to be striven for, or was it rather a rationalization of our inability to possess a *Yerushalayim shel Matta*, our own land, our own home, our own territory?

For the moment, let us agree that the ethereal ideal has been a potent element of Jewish theology. Has not this celestiality been theologically and historically overtaken by the fact that, after two millennia of yearning, we have now attained our homeland? A theological revolution has occurred.

NOW, HOWEVER, new and disturbing issues are being introduced into this discussion. A disquieting nexus is being drawn between activism for Israel's security and its alleged corollary, the diminution of concern for domestic liberal causes.

Two points should be made. First, Israel's political welfare is inextricably intertwined with the basic security of Jews the world over. Anti-Semitism maneuvers under the guise of anti-Israeli sentiment or anti-Zionism. Much of this anti-Israeli expression is found among liberals. Second, we have not deserted our liberal friends. Our erstwhile allies and domestic coalition partners have eschewed *our* friendship.

There is a creative tension between Israel and the Diaspora. The relations between the two must constantly be honed and refined. Zionists will probably not in the foreseeable future see the end of their responsibilities of education, communal burdens and national obligations.

Dr. Sternstein was president of the Zionist Organization of America and immediate past-president of the American Zionist Federation. He is a member of the WZO Executive and is rabbi of Temple Beth Sholom of Roslyn Heights, Long Island.

Baroque programme

MUSIC

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Arthur Fagen (U.S.) conducting; with Paulette Berman (U.S.), soprano; Gabriella Shaffer Avraham, piccolo; Michael Meltzer, flute; Nelly Grimberg, violin; Ruth Heifetz, piano. (Haifa Auditorium, March 21). Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major; Vivaldi: a Concerto for Piccolo and Orchestra in C Major; Mozart: "Exultate, Jubilate," K.165; "Ma Che vi Fed'O Stelle?" K.368; Symphony No. 35 in D Major ("Haffner") K.385.

VARIED levels of performance marked this baroque programme with its abundance of soloists.

Gabriella Avraham rendered the Vivaldi C Major concerto for piccolo with ease and charm, in a clear and sonorous tone, and was well-supported by the orchestra.

Although soloists Nelly Grimberg, Michael Melzer and Ruth Heifetz displayed technical and musical abilities, the presentation of the opening Bach orchestral concerto emerged somewhat heavy and dragging. There was also a lack of acoustic balance among the soloists themselves, as well as between the solli and the tutti of the accompaniment.

The vocal part was the least satisfying. Soprano Paulette Berman performed the Mozart *Exultate, Jubilate* in an operatic style, her voice over-rich with tremolo. Her diction was unclear and occasionally even her intonation deserved criticism. In the aria, mostly in the cadenza, the high notes emerged strained and unclear. In all, the choices were definitely unsuitable for Miss Berman's style of singing.

It was the convincing and enjoyable performance of the ending symphony that really saved the evening. Arthur Fagen led the HSO with efficiency and drive. The result was an alert and polished rendition of the Haffner, matching the contrasting moods of the work.

ESTHER REUTER

THE FOURTH International Master Competition goes into its second round this Wednesday with 12 candidates selected from 33 contestants who performed a full-length programme last week at the Tel Aviv Museum. The twelve are (in alphabetical order): Michale Blum (U.S.), Daniel Blumenthal (U.S.), Hung-Kuan Chen (Taiwan), Barry Douglas (Ireland), Fei-Ping Hsu (China, studying in the U.S.), Kyoko Ito (Japan), Jeffrey Kahane (U.S.), Alexander Kuzmin (ex-USSR, stateless), Gregorio Nardi (Italy), Hiromi Okada (Japan), Irit Rub-Steiner (Israel), and Jonathan Shames (U.S.).

The sessions for the second round will be at the Recanati Hall of the Tel Aviv Museum on Wednesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 to 8.30 p.m. In this round, every contestant will perform the obligatory piece chosen for the contest — Ami Maayani's *Impromptu No. 2*, sonata by Beethoven, a work by Chopin and a composition of free choice. The performances will also include a chamber music work — together with Menahem, Breuer, violin, and Zvi Harel, cello, both leading members of the IPO — a trio by Mendelssohn, Brahms or Ravel.

For this round, the international jury will sit in full, several judges have arrived only after the first round. They are (in alphabetical order): Pierre Colombo, Switzerland; Orazion Frugoni, Switzerland; Eugene List, U.S.; Nikita Nagaloff, Switzerland; Pierre Petit, France (music critic of *Le Figaro*); Pnina Salzman, Israel; Harold C. Schonberg, U.S. (former music critic of *The New York Times* and now cultural correspondent); Takahiro Sonoda, Japan; Jugo Steurer, West Germany; Maria Tipo, Italy; Vardi, Israel. Michal Smoira-Cohn, Israel; is again, as in previous contests, the chairperson of the jury.

Y.B.

Alive and well

Special to The Jerusalem Post

AN AMERICAN Jewish Committee group which just completed a two-week visit to four Central and South American countries, found the Jewish communities there small, but generally flourishing. In two of the countries visited — Costa Rica and Guatemala — the greatest single need was for a rabbi, they reported, and said American rabbinical organizations should be urged to supply that need.

The group of 15, most of them members of the Latin American Committee of the AJC's Foreign Affairs Commission, was led by Howard Greenberger, a professor of law at New York University Law School and a member of the AJC's Board of Governors. The group also included Sergio Nudelstejer of Mexico City, director of the organization's office for Mexico and Central America.

In addition to Costa Rica and Guatemala, they visited Panama and Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. Summarizing their experiences, Greenberger was most enthusiastic about Costa Rica and the warm relations the government of President Louis Alberto Monge maintains with Israel.

He said that Monge, who received the group, reaffirmed his strong commitment to Israel as a democratic society. He compared Israel's isolation in the Middle East to the problems of Costa Rica, one of the few democracies in Central America, Greenberger said.

Israel's Ambassador to Costa Rica, David Turgeman, told the visitors that many Costa Rican students are going to Israel to study, and Israel is providing instructors and technical assistance in return.

COSTA RICA'S Jewish community numbers about 2,500 in a population of more than two million, Greenberger reported.

He described it as a closely knit community with "an excellent Jewish school, a love of Jewish tradition and a deep dedication to Israel." Its most immediate need is a rabbi, he said.

Greenberger described the Jewish community of Panama as a vital community of about 3,500. Panama has three synagogues — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform — and the Jewish community, some of whose members trace their Panamanian roots back 200 years, supports two Jewish schools. Greenberger reported that about 20 per cent of the student body in those schools is non-Jewish.

In Caracas, the Venezuelan capital and the largest metropolis of the Caribbean basin, the visitors found a very well-organized Jewish community of about 25,000 with most institutional bodies under the supervision of a central council known as the Confederation of the Jewish Associations of Venezuela.

Greenberger reported that they run a network of Jewish day schools and have a magnificent athletic facility called the Hebraica.

But, Greenberger observed, they also share some of the same concerns and problems found in American Jewish society — intermarriage, assimilation when children go away to college, and the general loss of Jewish identity.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

READERS' LETTERS

THE BARBIE TRIAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Coordinating Committee of Jewish Communities and Organizations in Lyon has become a party to the proceedings in the Barbie trial in the name of all direct or indirect victims of the Nazi executioner in the Lyon area. The Committee will provide material and legal assistance to people who wish to testify and lodge a complaint for damages suffered.

The Committee can be contacted at 146, Grande Rue de la Guillotière, 69007 Lyon, telephone (16-71) 872.88.23.

DR. MARC ARON,
Coordinating Committee of Jewish Communities and Organizations in Lyon
Lyon.

DIASPORA VIEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Henry Siegman (March 9) concludes his article, "The necessity for debate," by saying either Diaspora Jews must debate their differences over the character of the Jewish State or "renounce their share in the great Jewish enterprise on which they have staked their lives."

Diaspora Jews have "staked their lives"? Precisely because they have not staked their lives, they should rethink exactly what their share is in "this great enterprise." In a family which is close and feels "we are one," one brother may help another financially, be truly interested in the other's welfare, but each brother shapes the character of his own nuclear family with the people in it, not by the standards or wishes of his 7,000-mile distant brother.

Henry Siegman probably knows that many, if not most, Israelis are unhappy about the character of Diaspora Jewry. And I wonder if his statement that "many, if not most, American Jews hold to a version of Zionism in which territory is not the *summum bonum* is not a gross exaggeration. It would be truer to say "many, if not most American Jewish *leaders*" hold this view. All the rank-and-file American Jews I have met assured me these opinions, which receive publicity, do not represent what Jews in Boro Park, in Monsey, in Miami feel.

L. BLASS
Herzliya.

RABBI SOLOMON SCHONFELD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The name of Rabbi Dr. Solomon Schonfeld of London is, I am sure, well known to many people. Not only those who studied at, or were associated with the Jewish Secondary School Movement, or attended the Adath Yisroel Synagogue, but especially those thousands whose lives he saved before, during and after World War II, have reason to remember the tireless effort, the complete dedication and the determination of this "angry young man" of the Thirties and Forties to save Jewish lives.

Last year, Rabbi Schonfeld celebrated his 70th birthday and the occasion was marked by a special function in London which was attended by a goodly number of people. However, the writer of this letter, who was on the first children's transport of Dr. Schonfeld, feels that many more who, like him, could not go to London, would like to pay their tribute too. Would all those interested please write to me at P.O.B. 7293, Jerusalem 91072, putting forward their ideas for consideration and discussion.

EMANUEL FISCHER
Jerusalem.

SELF-DETERMINATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — An Arab mayor asked ex-President Carter to aid in pressuring Israel "to recognize our rights as human beings to a home and to self-determination," a very powerful appeal to the uninformed.

Israel has always been ready to recognize Arab Palestinian self-determination — indeed it did so in 1948 — but the recognition was not reciprocated. After decades of trying to throttle Jewish self-determination, the Arabs must not pretend surprise when ultimately Israel's recognition was more or less withdrawn and the Israeli voter decided to give Mr. Begin his day at leadership.

When the Palestinian Arabs decide to concede the Jewish right of self-determination in the Jewish ancestral home, they may be certain Israel will make it reciprocal. Meanwhile what is needed is not more American pressure on Israel, but some Arab unilateral concession so as to re-establish Israel's confidence in Arab good will.

R. GREENGARD
Holon.

HOT LINE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Thank you for Lea Levavi's article of March 20, about us. May we point out that our "hot line" telephone is in action from 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and not as reported, and that the correct name of our organization is Society for the Protection of Personal Rights.

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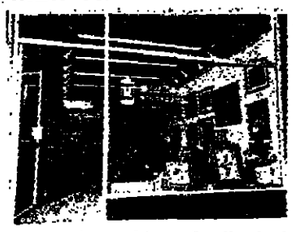
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Good-natured kind of improvisation

By MARGERY GREENFELD/Jerusalem Post Reporter

YOU PASS two tables bearing the charming, misshapen products of a children's ceramics class and go into a room festooned with crepe-paper streamers and balloons. Only the presence of two white vinyl-covered examining tables and a mint-green folding screen tells you that this basement room is now the alternative medical centre in Beit Shemesh.

On March 8, six days after the start of the doctors' strike, five of the seven doctors from the town's only other medical facility, the Kupat Holim Clalit clinic, were notified by Israel Medical Association headquarters to stop work at the clinic. Equipped only with their stethoscopes, sphygomanometers (for measuring blood pressure) and special receipt books, they set up shop in the community centre.

There, among the crepe paper and the balloons, the doctors are caring for the patients they have known and treated for years. But more than just the address and the decor have changed; the doctors are now charging their patients a IS600 fee.

Three bus stops away, the Kupat Holim clinic is open and providing all of its regular services, including filling prescriptions — except for doctors' care. Any of the town's 15,000 residents who need a doctor must head over to the community centre, where a pediatrician and a general practitioner are on duty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Often, the patient must then go to the Kupat Holim clinic to fill a prescription or to receive an injection, ordered by the doctor, from one of the sick-fund nurses.

But this reporter heard very few complaints last week in Beit Shemesh about the new arrangement. "It's inconvenient," grumbled one mother of two good-naturedly. "But these are our doctors, and they deserve more money than they are getting."

Perhaps the doctors' own loose application of the IS600-per-visit rule has muted some of the anger. There are patients who ask "why do I have to pay you if I already paid my sick-fund dues?"

This question was met with a low-key explanation of the reasons for the strike and an apology for the extra charge. If a patient was still unhappy about paying, the doctors tried to fit him into one of the categories exempt from the charge.

Recognized welfare cases are not required to pay. Nor are patients with chronic illnesses or severe disabilities. Nor are policemen or those serving in the regular army.

IN BEIT SHEMESH, however, the doctors have tailored the rules to better fit the town's population, which includes a high percentage of low-paid blue-collar workers and large families. Thus, a patient making a return visit to a doctor does not have to pay a second time. A mother who comes in with five or six sick children, and is often sick herself, is charged a flat rate of IS600, and everyone is treated.

"What can we do — we're doctors. We can't treat just one child and send the rest home. But neither can we say to a young mother, someone we all know: Now you must pay IS3,000, and we'll examine all your sick children.

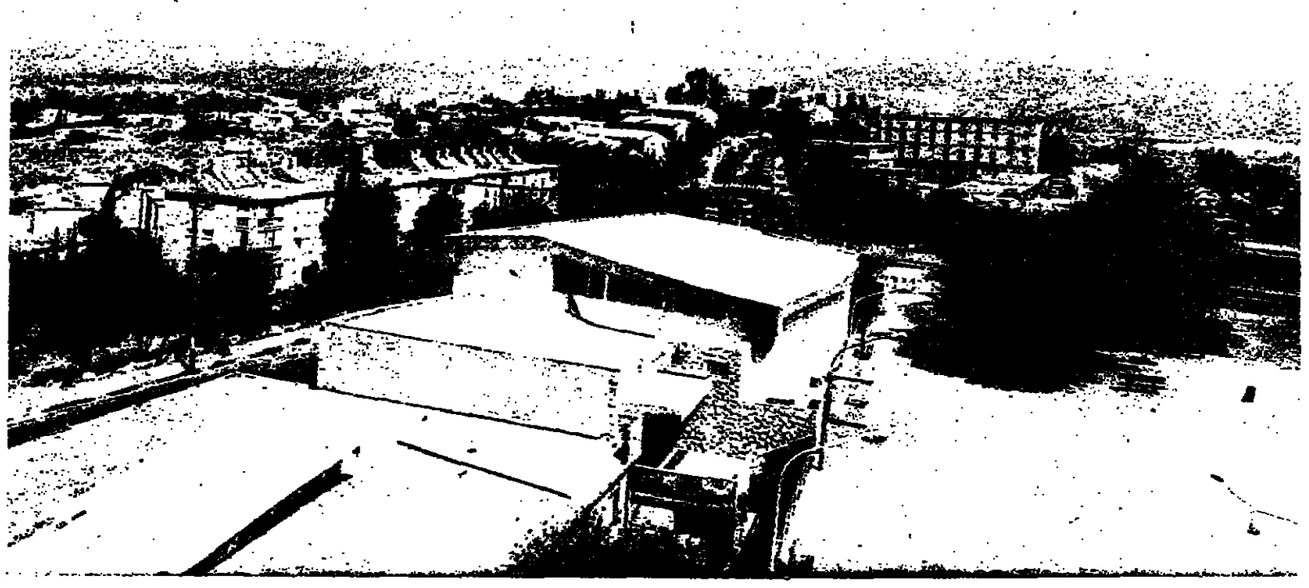
"That's why we decided by ourselves that we have to have a 'family rate'," says Dr. Shulamit Schneider, a general practitioner who has commuted from her home in the Gilo neighbourhood of Jerusalem to the Beit Shemesh clinic for the past two years.

Schneider, who came to Israel from Riga, Latvia, three-and-a-half years ago, sighs: "It's embarrassing to ask for money from people you know. We all feel uncomfortable, but what can we do?" Another sigh and shrug. "We all believe in the justness of the strike and support the way it's being conducted. I can't live on IS14,000 a month." Another shrug. "But the sooner it's over, the better. For all of us, the doctors, the patients, the country, the health-care system. It isn't good to work this way."

"This way" means improvised quarters, far from the patients' medical records and the support system of nurses, social workers, laboratories, and chemist of the regular clinic. "We're used to working in a team system, where each doctor works closely with a particular nurse, who is invaluable in providing back-up help. We can't have that here, so we keep in close touch with the clinic and send patients there for shots and first-aid."

The community has accepted the doctors' action with equanimity, Schneider says. "At first, we were afraid of what would happen — there could have been shouting, arguments, even fist-fights. But, thank God, none of this came to pass. But I also don't think they'll be willing to pay like this forever."

The number of people seeking medical care has plummeted from the more than 250 a day who came to the Kupat Holim clinic to just 20 to 25 a day at the temporary centre. "I don't think people are putting off really necessary medical care. Those who are truly sick come in. What we don't have now are the chronic complainers and the hypochondriacs who drift into the clinic day after day. I guess they don't want to pay."



The centre of Beit Shemesh at a sunny quiet hour (K. Weiss)

THIS SENTIMENT is echoed by a group of nurses reclining in chairs at the Kupat Holim clinic. In the empty waiting room, one of the nurses says: "Whoever is sick goes to the doctors at the community centre and then comes over here to get medications from the pharmacy.. The people who treated the clinic like a social club, a place they dropped into every day, came around in the beginning. But because there are no doctors, they stopped coming."

The pharmacy in the Beit Shemesh clinic, unlike those elsewhere, is honouring prescriptions issued by the striking doctors at the temporary medical centre. An exception was made in Kupat Holim's ironclad refusal to fill such prescriptions, because the town has no private pharmacy.

"We made a special appeal," says one of the nurses. "Otherwise the townspeople would have to go all the way to Jerusalem (about 25 kilometres) to get the medicines they need."

In the meantime, the nine clinic nurses "are taking advantage of the free time" to make more home visits to the elderly and to intensify community outreach programmes. "We know our patients well, and we know whom we haven't seen in the clinic for a long time. So we are going to their homes to make sure everything is all right," one nurse says.

"We are also going into clubs for the elderly to give lectures and hold discussions on high blood pressure, nutrition and other subjects like the proper way to take medicines," she adds. "We ourselves initiated these programmes; these are things we would love to do throughout the year. But we never seem to have the time for them."

"The doctors are really decent; they're not making things hard for the patients. And they also stay in close touch with us so we know exactly what's going on and can coordinate our activities," the nurses note.

IN BEIT SHEMESH last week, things looked like they were going very smoothly indeed. The doctors, working under improvised conditions, were managing. The patients, faced with a brand-new health system and a IS600 fee, were also managing. As were the nurses and other staff at the town's clinic.

But this idyllic situation cannot last forever. Sooner or later, the patients can be expected to resent the fees and the inconvenience. The doctors, already concerned about where their March salaries are going to come from, could start to chafe at the limitations imposed by the lack of equipment and facilities.

And the public health-care system, under which low-cost and generally high-quality treatment is provided to virtually everyone, will start to stagger under the effects of the harsh blow of the past month.

SPRING AT LAST

GARDENER'S CORNER/Walter Frankl

SUDDEN CHANGES in temperature, cool rainy days, followed by sunny cloudless ones — the weather seems unpredictable, but you need not be a prophet to know that spring is really here and the last rain of the year, the brief *malkosh*, is not that far off. Rising temperatures in April may bring a drought. The life of all plants, in the garden and elsewhere, will depend on the watering we supply.

It is very important to retain as much moisture as possible in the soil. This may be achieved by mulching. Several materials available in an average home and garden can be used as mulch. They can be dug into the soil directly or spread around trees, shrubs, roses and other perennials.

Surplus materials can go into the compost heap or bin with other organic matter. Mulch materials include the following: newspaper (cut into small strips), cardboard, leaves, animal manure, pine-bark, sawdust, wood shavings, old sacks (yuta), pine needles and wood ash.

It is difficult and worthless to add mulch materials to hard, uncultivated soil. Red and clay soils (especially in Jerusalem and other hilly areas) tend to cake during dry spells, so cultivate the soil first and then spread around or work in the mulch.

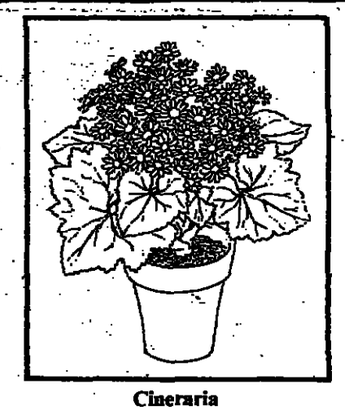
A thin layer of much on top of the soil is of little real value. Conversely, too thick a layer also is unwise. A cover 8-10 cm. deep would be beneficial in most garden areas.

Newspaper should be torn or cut into small pieces before being used as a mulch. Adding it to some other type of organic material, such as weeds or leaves, will prevent the pieces from clumping together. To a bucket of chopped-up paper, add half a bucket of leaves or animal manure, or even equal parts of paper, manure and weeds. Cardboard can be placed on the ground as it is, but you must make holes in it to allow water to pass through into the soil below. If preferred, it can be used like newspaper.

Lawn clippings make an excellent mulch material, but should not be placed in a pile against the stems of small plants. The heat from the pile of clippings can "burn" them and interfere with normal sap flow. Thick layers of lawn clippings also provide a breeding place for flies, so it is advisible to use them in thin layers only.

Your cherished dahlias, gladioli and lilies won't bloom happily during the coming season if they are allowed to dry out. Mulch them as soon as they emerge from the ground. Roses, too, will benefit from a good mulch. Your vegetable garden will continue to yield bumper crops if it is mulched against dry summer heat.

FLORISTS in Israel sell many beautiful potted flowers — cyclamen, kalanchoe, azalea, primula, hyacinths, African violets, etc. Two recent newcomers to their show windows are plants that attract with their colours and sometimes their unusual shape. They sell well, despite their relatively high price.



Cineraria

Unfortunately, these plants, the *calceolaria* and the *cineraria* are temporary beautiful. These are good blooming plants and if you don't mind a temporary show, you won't regret buying them. If purchased from a florist, they will last several weeks in bloom under ordinary house conditions with special care. But nothing will help to revive them when they become ugly with fading flowers and yellowing foliage. No better watering, no addition of plant food will change the natural circle of life for these beauties.

Before the end of spring, the colourful dream comes to an end, and the best thing you can do then is to throw these plants onto the compost heap. These plants are not like hyacinths or daffodils, whose bulbs may be stored for the next season, nor can the amateur, with his limited means, propagate them by cuttings, as you would a camellia or a fuchsia. The only way to keep their colour and beauty is to record it in a photograph or a coloured slide.

I asked a florist in Rehavia whether he tells customers that the beauty of calceolaria and cineraria is short-lived. "Of course. I tell them," he said, "but they say they buy them like cut flowers — for the brief pleasure."

For those gardeners who want adventure and have the means to buy expensive short-living houseplants, I'll describe those plants here in detail.

Calceolaria herbeohybrida (slipper wort in English, *ma'alanit* in Hebrew, also known by its German name, *Pantoffelblume*) takes its botanical name from the Latin word *calceolus*, a small shoe. "Herbeohybrida" means "cabbage-like."

Calceolaria grows wild in the Andes and the Cordilleras in Peru and appears also in Mexico and Chile. Botanists have found over 300 species of this plant, a relative of the better-known foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea, etsbaonit* in Hebrew).

It flowers in early March in yellow, orange, red and purple and also in mixed colours, tiger-like stripes or dots. *Calceolaria* has been cultivated in Europe since 1822.

This exotic plant can be propagated from seed in June or July in a seed box filled with a mixture of compost — sand and peat. *Calceolaria* needs a steady supply of water. Try not to wet the flowers, spraying only the foliage.

A cool room and sufficient light (no direct sun) are essential, as well as a cupful of liquid fertilizer once every two weeks. Dead flowers should be picked off promptly.

Slipper plants are treated as annuals (botanically they are biennials). They grow well in containers of various size. For a most attractive and uncommon decoration, buy 3 potted *calceolarias* of different colours and transfer them to a 60cm. plastic or asbestos container. After careful transplanting, with the whole root ball intact, fill the empty spaces around the repotted plants with a mixture of sand, compost and peat (1:1:1). Then water around the transferred *calceolarias*.

These plants are sensitive to rain, and when kept outdoors in the garden or on an open balcony, they should be protected by plastic sheets. When you place them indoors on a window sill and the air of the heated room becomes too dry and temperatures rises over 15°C, aphids may appear, and the *calceolaria* foliage will turn ugly yellow and brown. Take care to keep the plants cool and the soil slightly moist, to enjoy them as long as possible.

Cineraria or **Senecio cruentus** (ragwort or groundsel in English and *savion* in Hebrew). The large genus *senecio* includes over 2,000 species, found round the world, though most occur in the Mediterranean area and South Africa. The popular florist's *cineraria* is believed to have been derived from *Senecio cruentus*, introduced from the Canary Islands at the end of the 18th century. It has been cultivated in Europe, and many different strains are now available.

The Germans started to develop this plant as early as from 1777, and after nearly 100 years of experimenting, produced the first double (filled) cineraria in Erfurt in 1874. Cineraria flowers from March until early May. Colours range through the spectrum from red to blue, including dwarf and large-blooming species in white, yellow, pink, red, purple, light and dark blue, as well as red or blue with a white ring.

Propagation is by seed in summer (June-July). Seedlings should be grown in the usual equal parts medium of red soil — compost and sand (or vermiculite). During winter *cinerarias* should be kept in an unheated room on a window sill with plenty of light. Since, as with *calceolaria*, it is not easy for an amateur to raise plants from these very small seeds, it is better to leave this job to the professionals. Water liberally, but feeding is unnecessary, because *cinerarias* have a limited life and are never kept after they have ceased flowering.

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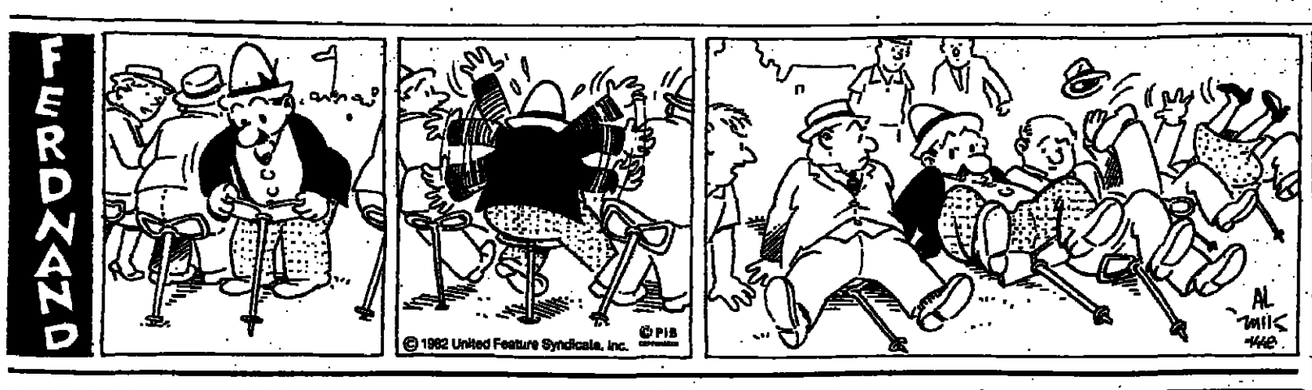


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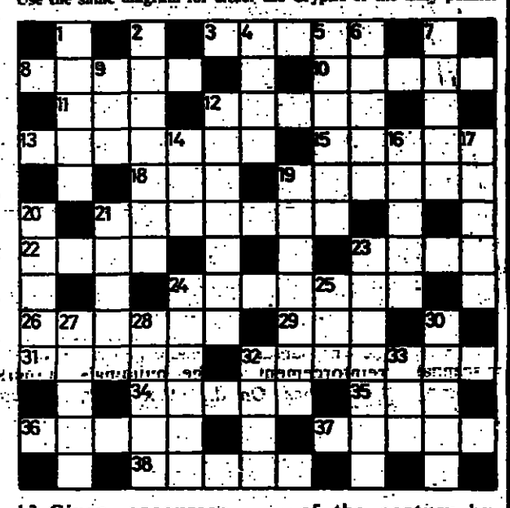
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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 Put up with being trodden on? (5)
8 An original thing to make (5)
10 Easy to take (5)
11 Grand American fellow (3)
12 Criticise, I see, for loss of composure (5)
13 Beats the experts (7)
15 Writing from overseas (5)
18 She's from Havana (3)
19 Gorgon wildly amused (6)
21 Gunnery instructor? (7)
22 Put a lid down? (4)
23 River of the Bronx? (4)
24 A ton of runs (7)
26 Said to have tasted different (6)
29 Anybody alone (3)
31 Point a wild rose out for him (5)
32 They're consulted when Cora's upset by Les (7)
34 Nominally a bird to us (5)
35 Height of a tee, alternatively (3)
36 Another name for a sail? (5)
37 Toothy girl? (5)
38 Watch or look out for victory (5)

DOWN
1 Familiar names in the cinema! (5)
2 Like custard, it's yellow (7)
4 Meals to take a seat for (4)
5 Goldsmith, perhaps (6)
6 Square-cut, so to speak (5)
7 What a duchess has that involves kings and queens (5)
9 Are such services endlessly busy? (3)
12 Given encouragement, possibly in despair (7)
14 The girl up the avenue (3)
16 Outwardly a gem of a place (5)
17 Possibly a note from Shirley (5)
19 They advise men on hills (7)
20 Students' quality? (5)
21 It's in bronze, this colossal figure (5)
23 Built before the start of the century by Edward (7)
24 The colour much contorted exercise can make you (6)
25 The sauna would be too much for her (3)
27 On which to narrate the end of a story (5)
28 Kid a chap, in sum (5)
30 Russian cloth? (5)
32 Water on which a duck gets exercise (4)
33 Timber production record? (3)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS. —1, Acton. 6, Joyce. 9, A-RAI-nbow. 10 (Jack) Sprat. 11, Class. 12, Venus. 13, Biggles. 15, Hop. 17, Acre. 18, Manure. 19, Baker. 20, Travel. 22, Sale. 24, Sin. 25, Partner 26, Still. 27, Totem. 28 Jason. 20, Mate-lot. 30, Train. 31, Bass-O.
DOWN.— 2, C-optic. 3, Orange(man). 4, Nat. 5, An-Des. 6, Jocular. 7, Owls. 8, Castor. 12, Venal. 13, Barts. 14, Groan. 15, Human. 16, Pe-t-er. 18, Medal. 19, Best man. 21, Rig-our. 22, Strata. 23, Lemons. 25, P-lied. 26, Semi. 28, Job.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.— 1, Speck. 6, Rally. 9, Hideous. 10, Valid. 11, Spawn. 12, Frets. 13, Schemed. 15, Den. 17, Heel. 18, Revere. 19, Enter. 20, Amount. 22, Life. 24, Fun. 25, Scholar. 26, Pitch. 27, Aspen. 28, Envoy. 29, Reeling. 30, Flats. 31, Dense
DOWN.— 2, Plaice. 3, Chisel. 4, Kid. 5, Weird. 6, Rustler. 7, Asps. 8, Lawyer. 12, Feint. 13, Sheaf. 14, Heron. 15, Devil. 16, Never. 18, Reach. 19, Engines. 21, Mussel. 22, Lounge. 23, Famous. 25, Scold. 26, Pert. 28, End.

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 Personal belief (5)
8 Speed contests (5)
10 Ward off (5)
11 Pull (3)
12 Senseless (5)
13 Covers (7)
14 Piece of cake! (5)
18 Scold (3)
19 Annoy (6)
21 Performer (7)
22 Jug (4)
23 Thrash (4)
24 Adhesive tag (7)
26 Property (6)
29 Personal pronoun (3)
31 Lariat (5)
32 Asphalt (7)
34 Pick-me-up (5)
35 Unhappy (3)
36 Norwegian composer (5)
37 Car (5)
38 Carouse (5)

DOWN
1 Snag (5)
2 Early 19th-century period (7)
4 Flees (4)
5 Moves to music (6)
6 Periods of bowling (5)
7 Ingrained dirt (5)
9 Dog (3)
12 Ungrateful person (7)
14 Consume (3)
16 Pronounce (5)
17 Beast (5)
19 Spiritualistic medium (7)
20 Hard alloy (5)
21 Incites (5)
23 Stupified (7)
24 Comedian's straight-man (6)
25 Gear (5)
27 Sword (5)
28 Michaelmas daisy (5)
30 Yellowish timber (5)
32 Accept bait (4)
33 Insane (3)

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
9.00 Dindanim
9.10 Fistuk's House
9.30 Annu and the King of Siam (part 8)
9.55 Bau Bau Blacksheep. The story of a child who is sent to be educated in England
14.00 Pessah story
Striped Coat — n
14.05 Joseph and the Striped Coat — musical
14.40 Pessah Traditions
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Sports
19.27 Programme Trailer
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES:
20.00 News
20.15 Holiday Eve Concert — Mstislav Rostropovich plays Haydn's Cello Concerto in C Major, with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Gary Bertini (Recorded on Independence Day, 1978)
20.45 Pessah Seder — held at Kvutzat Schiller
21.55 Magnificent Obsession. Douglas Sirk's 1954 adaptation of Lloyd Douglas's story about a drunken playboy who mends his ways. Starring Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson, Agnes Moorehead and Barbara Rush
23.40 News
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17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour (19.00 JTV 3 The Muppet Show) 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 The Other 'Arf (JTV 3 Computers) 21.10 Documentary 22.00 News in English 22.15 Hart to Hart.

Tuesday

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 The Naughty Doll — children's series
18.45 Quiz
19.00 Documentary — Tourism in Eilat
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with the news
20.45 Elijah — Part one of a Mendelssohn's oratorio, filmed for television at the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem. With Bernd Weikl, Arleen Auger, Mira Zakai, Werner Holweg and the Berlin, John Currie and Zamir choirs and the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra
21.35 The Memory of Eva Ryker. Mystery drama based on the memories of a six-year-old who was on the Queen Anne with her mother when it was hit by a German torpedo in 1939. Starring Natalie Wood, Robert Foxworth, Roddy McDowall, Peter Graves and Ralph Bellamy
23.50 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.40 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.20 (JTV 3 Heidi, 18.45 Target) 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Movie of the Week 22.00 News in English 22.15 Dallas

ON THE AIR

First Programme

6.11 Musical Clock
7.07 Berlioz: Roman Carnival Overture (Stokowski); Sebastian de Alvaro: 3 Sonatas; Babel: Concerto for Seven; Julian Prieto: Sonata; Viotti: Concerto for 2 Flutes (Rampal)
8.05 Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 1; Mendelssohn: Trio in D Minor; Palestrina: 4 Songs from Song of Songs; Brahms: Cello Sonata No. 1; Beethoven: Seven Little Fugues
10.05 Liszt: Paraphrase on the Quartet from Rigoletto (Barenboim); Mozart: Excerpts from Le nozze di Figaro, arranged for Wind Instruments (Jack Breamer)
11.00 Sephardi songs
11.30 Education for All
12.05 The Fourth International Arthur Rubinstein Piano Master Competition
13.00 Works by Elgar, Shostakovich, Doppler and Beethoven
14.10 Children's Programmes
15.00 Pessah Eve Programme
16.05 Special Requests — Oedoen Partos: Prayer for Harp (Roncea); Bloch: Niggun (Jascha Heifetz); Rodrigo: Concierto d'Aranjuez (John Williams); Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 in F Major op. 68, Pastorale (Dorati)
17.35 Programmes for Olim
20.05 Holiday Concert — P. Ben-Haim: Anim Zmirot (Gary Bertini); Mozart: Piano Concerto, K.482 (Peter Frankl, Walter Suesskind); Handel: Israel in Egypt (John Curry)
23.00 Chamber Music — Beethoven: Horn Sonata op. 17; Mozart: String Quartet, The Hunt; Schumann: Forest Scenes
00.10 Song of Songs

Tuesday

7.11 Boyce: Symphony No.4; Bach: Trio Sonata in C Minor from Musical Offering Kodaly: Hary Janos, Suite (Szell, Cleveland)
8.05 Hummel: Trumpet Concerto (Maurice Andre); Copland: Appalachian Spring
9.25 Song of the Sea (repeat)
10.10 The Israel Sinfonietta conducted by Mehli Mehta and Avner Itai, with Michala Petri, recorder and Daniel Benyamini, viola — Mozart: Symphony, Haffner No.35; Vivaldi: Recorder Concerto in C Major; Handel: Recorder Concerto; Shlomo Jaffe: Sinfonietta for Chamber Orchestra (1977); Britten: Lucrimae, for Viola and Strings; Haydn: Symphony No.92, Oxford
12.00 Holiday Songs for Choir
14.10 Children's Programmes
15.00 Young Artists — Noah Graf, piano — Schubert: Impromptu; Chopin: 2 Mazurkas; Rachmaninov: Barcarole; Hillel Tzori, cello — Noam Sheriff: Vidui; Roglit Yishai, piano — Ben-Haim: Sonatine Hagai Shaham, violin; with Ruth Mense, piano — Kreisler: Variations, Recitativo, Scherzo Caprice; Ran Tzemach, piano — Schubert: Sonata op.120
16.00 Sounds and Shadows
17.35 Programmes for Olim
20.35 Rudolf Buchbinder, piano — Haydn: Sonata in F Major; Beethoven: Sonata in F-sharp Minor, (Moonlight); Schumann: Carnival, op.9; Christa Ludwig, mezzo-soprano, with Erich Werba at the piano — recorded at the 1982 Salzburg Festival — Goethe Lieder by Schubert, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Liszt, and Tchaikovsky; The Saarland Symphony Orchestra, Ernst Baur conducting; with Rudolf Buchbinder — Stravinsky: 3 Movements for Orchestra; Ravel: Piano Concerto in G Major; Brahms; Haydn: Variations
23.00 Haydn: Spring from Seasons; String Quartet in C Major (Bird)
00.10 Music from the Renaissance and the Baroque periods

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.22 Agricultural broadcasts
6.35 Editorial Review
6.54 Green Light
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 Puss in Sandals
9.05 Morning Star
10.10 All Shades of the Network
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 Hebrew songs
16.10 Songs and readings for Pessah
17.05 Pilgrimage — Pessah in the 1st century
18.05 Eliyah the Prophet — artists and musicians talk about their image of Elijah
19.05 From the Forefathers to Exodus
20.05 Pessah Seder
22.30 An hour with the Givatron
23.05 First Person — with Education Ministry Director General Eliezer Shmueli
00.10 Hebrew songs

Tuesday

7.00 Songs
8.05 Musical Mosaic
9.05 Give a Smile — humour, skits
9.55 Holiday Trip Tips
10.05 Red Doves — the struggle for peace
11.30 Songs of Ya'acov Orland
13.05 Facing the Rising Sun — songs and stories of freedom
14.10 Jewish Folklore
16.05 "Who knows" — Seder traditions
17.05 Animals' Holidays
18.05 An hour with Giora Feidman
19.05 Pessah Programme
20.05 Bible Reading — Song of Songs 1,2
21.05 Cantorial Music
22.05 Beautiful Land
23.05 Save Our Souls (repeat)
00.10 Hebrew songs

Army

6.06 Morning Sounds
7.07 "707" — with Alex Ansky
8.05 IDF Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now — with Rafi Reshef
11.05 Mama's Voice — regards to soldiers
12.05 On Drivers and Traffic — holiday eve traffic reports
13.55 Chief IDF Rabbi Gad Navon's message to soldiers
14.05 Two Hours
16.05 Freedom — Ya'acov Agmon examines different types of freedom
17.05 The War of Independence — Operation "Avak"
18.05 Holiday songs
20.05 Holiday Eve Concert — Vivaldi: Concerto No.1 in E Major, Spring; Boildieu: Harp Concerto in C Major; Mendelssohn: Elijah, excerpts; Beethoven: Symphony No.1 in C Major, Op.21; Debussy: Spring, Suite
22.05 Marathon — songs of Israel Prize Winner Moshe Vilensky

Tuesday

6.06 Holiday Sounds
8.05 Songs
9.05 Happy Choir — Children's programme
10.00 Words and Tunes — Hava Albertein talks to Israel Prize Winner Haim Hefer
11.05 Protest Songs — from Russia
12.05 Shoshana Damari in Concert
14.05 Midday Holiday
16.05 An Hour with the Breira Tivit
17.05 Personal File
18.05 Songs of the Women of Yemen
19.05 Haim Be'er presents songs of Eretz Yisrael
20.05 Mabat Newsreel
21.05 Freedom — with Ya'acov Agmon (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Classical Night Birds — with Pinhas Idan
00.05 Night-Birds — songs, chat with Eli Yisraeli

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Army Radio: Every hour on the hour.
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CINEMAS

No film showings this evening due to Pessah. Following are showings for Tue. evening (with exceptions.)

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Long Way Home; **Edison:** L'as des As; **Habirah:** Nurit II:; **Kfir:** Good Luck 4: Six Weeks 6.45, 9; **Mitchell:** Officer and a Gentleman 6.30, 9; **Orgil:** Jungle Book 4, 6, 8; **Orlon:** Annie 4, 6.30, 9; **Oron:** Mad Max; **Ron:** Night of San Lorenzo; **Semadar:** Return of a Soldier 7, 9.15; **Binyenei Ha'uma:** The Verdict 6.45, 9; **Israel Museum:** Oliver 11; **Cinema One:** Heavy Metal 7.30; Let it Be 9.15; **Cinematheque:** Sweet Movie 7.30; Straw Dogs 9.30

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Allenby: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly 6, 9.30; **Ben-Yehuda:** World According to Garp 4.15, 7, 9.30; **Chen 1:** E.T. 2.30, 4.40, 7.10, 9.40; Pinocchio 10.15 a.m., 12.15; **Chen 2:** Pinocchio 2.30, 4.30, 7.15 2: Pinocchio 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30; E.T. 10. Sun., Wed., Thur. 10.15 a.m.; Pinocchio 2.30; **Chen 4:** Hard Day's Night 10.15 a.m., 12.15, 2.30; **Chen 5:** Missing 4.30, 7, 9.30; Love Bug 10.15, 12.15, 2.30; **Cinema One:** Blood Brothers; **Cinema Two:** closed; **Dekel:** The Verdict 7, 9.30; **Drive-In:** Angle of Hit 9.45; Tarzan 6.15; Mega Force 8; **Esther:** L'as Des As; **Gat:** Officer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Gordon:** Tempest 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Hod:** First Blood; **Lev I:** Clair de Femme; **Lev II:** Night of San Lorenzo 7.15, 9.30; **Limor:** Summer Lovers; **Maxim:** Nurit II; **Mograbi:** Annie 11, 4, 7, 9.30; **Orly:** Goldfinger; **Paris:** Gregory's Girl 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** Lonely Hearts; **Shahaf:** Six Weeks 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Studio:** Young Doctors in Love; **Tchelet:** Monty-Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Tel Aviv:** Pirate Movie 4.30, 7, 9.30; Gone With the Wind 10.30 a.m. (exc. Thur.); **Tel Aviv Museum:** The Draughtsman's Contract; **Zafon:** Pixote

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amanii: Tommy 6.45, 9; **Amphitheatre:** First Blood; **Armon:** Best Little Whorehouse in Texas; **Atzmon:** Nurit II; **Chen:** E.T.; **Galor:** Death Wish II at 10, 2, 6; Ben And Charley 12, 4, 8; **Merlab:** The Verdict 6.45, 9; **Orah:** Annie 4, 6.30, 9; **Orion:** I am a Nympho; nonstop, adults only; **Peer:** Officer and a Gentleman 4, 6.30, 9; **Ron:** World According to Garp 6.30, 9. My Mother the General 4; **Shmil:** Cabaret 6.45, 9.15; Watership Down 11.30, 5; **Keren Or:** Gone With the Wind, today at 1; Tue. 7.30; **Orly:** Pinocchio, today 11 a.m.; Tue. 6.45, 9

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 9.30; Pinocchio 4, 6, 8; **Lily:** Summer Lovers 7.15, 9.30; **Oasis:** E.T. 4, 7, 9.30; **Orden:** Nurit II 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Gan:** Annie 4, 7, 9.30

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Tiferet: Nurit II 4, 7.15, 9.15

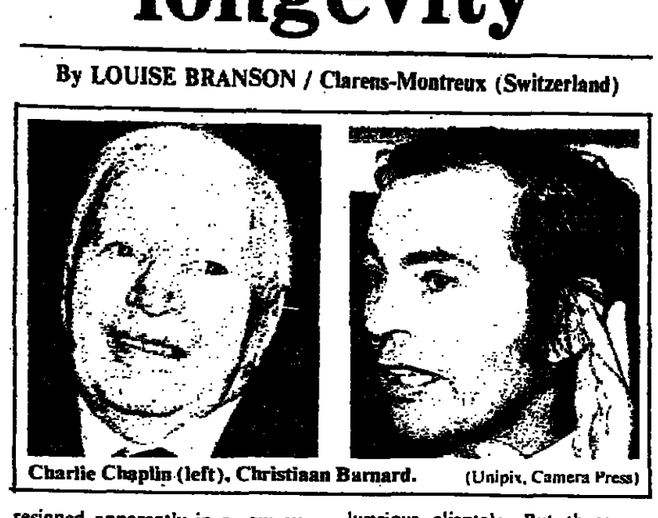
NETANYA
Esther: First Blood 7, 9.15

HOLON
Migdal: Officer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Savoy:** Pirate Movie 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Two Israeli films, 11 a.m.

MAT HASHARON
Star: Thunderbirds All Go 11 a.m.; Popeye 4; The Shining 7, 9.30

Secret of longevity

By LOUISE BRANSON / Clarens-Montreux (Switzerland)



Charlie Chaplin (left), Christiaan Barnard. (Unipix, Camera Press)

CHARLIE CHAPLIN and Charles De Gaulle and many more famous people liked — in private — to attribute their longevity to the cells of the black mountain sheep.

Pope Pius XII, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Konrad Adenauer and Somerset Maugham also believed in a very controversial, very costly rejuvenation treatment offered by a very exclusive Swiss clinic.

Whether they were right may never be known, but all lived to ripe old age, sometimes into their late nineties.

Often the famous and wealthy travelled — and still travel — incognito to the clinic above Lake Geneva. For special patients, the clinic sends the serum by courier, or doctors make long-distance house calls, as for Pius XII, De Gaulle and Adenauer.

The clinic, La Prairie (The Prairie), was founded by German Professor Paul Niehans, who died in 1971 at 89. Treatment is based on injections with the cells of the fetuses of specially-bred black mountain sheep.

In 50 years, over 60,000 people have been to the "Fountain of Youth," as the clinic calls itself, where doctors hold out the promise of more energy, higher sexual drive and longer lives. Maugham, who died at 91, swore the injections added 20 years to his life.

The one-week treatment is good for five to fifteen years, the clinic claims. It costs around $5,000.

Despite the price, the clinic's 800 yearly places are booked up months in advance.

Dr. Claude Rossel, who directed the clinic until October — when he and seven non-medical staff resigned apparently in a row over financial policies and the marketing of beauty products — says 80 per cent of the patients are "satisfied" and return for boosters when the effects begin to wear off.

South African heart transplant specialist Dr. Christiaan Barnard has had the cure and is a "scientific adviser" to the clinic.

What many still call a "quack cure" was started 50 years ago by Niehans. During his lifetime, he was unrecognized by the medical profession, despite his rich and illustrious clientele. But there are signs medical opinion may be changing about "cellulotherapy."

More than 8,000 doctors throughout the world belong to the International Cellulotherapy Society. In the United States, Rossel says, doctors are experimenting with young calves' cells to treat certain rare diseases.

"They are observing the same kind of recovery as we see here," he says.

One obstacle in the way of official recognition is that doctors are unable to say how the injections work.

"There are several theories," Rossel says. "But they are working hypotheses. We don't yet have the proof."

He explains that fetal cells appear to stimulate or regenerate certain organs and also may have an effect on the brain.

The treatment has become more sophisticated since the time of Niehans, when each patient was injected with a similar serum. Today, people have a thorough medical examination first, then a special serum is made up with the types of fetal cells most suited to their needs.

Doctors say the "miracle" takes about three months to work.

British journalist Graham Baxter — a pen name — says he had the treatment at the age of 58 and three months later "had the energy of a 30-year-old."

"My sight got better, my hair grew thicker, my skin softer, some of my wrinkles even disappeared," he says.

But he also notes that many patients feel better simply because they have to stop smoking and drinking for three months after having the injections.

"The ideal age to begin treatment is 40 to 50 years old," Rossel says, when the body enters what he calls the first stage of ageing. To treat specific ills like rheumatism or arthritis "we recommend that he comes very young, as soon as the first signs appear," he says.

"At 70 years of age, a person can still be treated, though the results are less remarkable," Rossel says. But there is little the clinic can do if a person is older.

(United Press International)



Brigitte Bardot... "The cinema world is rotten."

A national heroine

By DONALD FORBES / Paris

DEEP IN THE HEART of every Frenchman is the image of the Frenchwoman of his dreams — and every so often, Brigitte Bardot emerges from retirement to remind him that she is the woman.

At 47, the face and the figure are fuller. But the voice is still as smokily provocative and the pout as enticing as in the sex-kitten days of the '50s, when her films started to brush away the more austere cobwebs of sexual inhibition in France.

Bardot recently made one of her occasional public appearances which prove that absence from the screen has not dulled her indelible romance with the public.

French television broadcast a three-part biography of the actress, charting her extraordinary life from the days of precocious childhood to the campaigns on behalf of animals to which she now devotes herself.

The series showed a Bardot capable of a touching vulnerability as well as a serious-minded woman with forthright and sometimes acerbic views on modern France.

This Bardot has trenchant things to say about religion, politics, the cinema and the sex war.

Even journalists who have mocked her films in their columns acknowledge that no other actress in France can rival Bardot's charisma. The loyalty she commands was dubbed "Bardolatry" by one critic.

The iconoclastic, left-wing daily, *Liberation*, described most of her 30 films as "potboilers" in one breath, and called her "our national heroine" in the next.

"Perhaps her acting wasn't much," admitted one admirer, "but there is no one else quite like her. As a woman, she is simply fantastic."

The Bardot phenomenon did not happen by accident. Nor was she entirely the creation of her first husband, Roger Vadim. As the biography showed, few lives can have been photographed and filmed so intensively since birth.

"Bardot's middle-class Parisian parents brought her up to be a star, as if it were a birthright," a friend of the family said. "She was literally programmed for fame."

Despite the poise and apparently easy success, Bardot insists that she is essentially timid and that she used to quail at the pressures of being a public figure.

When her career was at its height, she says she felt "uprooted, unbalanced and lost in a world that seemed mad." In 1972, she gave up the cinema because she hated it and has never been tempted back.

"The cinema world is rotten," she told journalists recently. "If ever I can say that my life has not been wasted, it will be because of my battles in defence of animals."

The most famous of her struggles has been against the annual cull of baby seals in Canada which has become a powerful public issue in France.

An opinion poll, which Bardot commissioned, showed that 90 per cent of the country supported her campaign and her sincerity is unquestioned even by detractors.

"As a film star, I didn't have a positive image for people," she said. "That has been changed by my crusade against the ill-treatment of animals and the environment. I will fight as long as I have to, because this is an area where I can do something worthwhile."

Three times divorced, she lives with her dogs and a donkey on the shores of the Mediterranean, at St. Tropez which her fame helped transform into a chic resort.

Time not spent on her causes is devoted to friends and a tranquil life. The days when she had a white Rolls-Royce and a chauffeur and was tempestuously married to millionaire Gunther Sachs are long over.

Bardot says she prides herself on speaking her mind and does not hesitate to voice unfashionable views. She criticizes Frenchwomen for spending too much time haggling over demands for equality with men.

"At the risk of shocking some people," she told one interviewer with a glint of malice, "I don't mind saying that I prefer a quiet home life."

"I don't mean that women should spend their lives cooking and washing, but I think that it is a woman's role to provide a home for her man. If she wants a little financial independence, she should be satisfied with a part-time job."

Bardot, clad for most of her television appearances in designer jeans, is also critical of the way many young Frenchwomen dress.

"Not only do they want to work like men, they want to look like men," she said. "Women are becoming more and more masculine."

Frenchmen do not escape Bardot's strictures. She says most of them spend too much time grumbling. "Complaining is a state of mind which is becoming established in France. If people were a bit less demanding, they would all be a great deal happier."

The cinema has given up efforts to find a successor to Bardot. The late Coco Chanel said such a search was, in any case, absurd.

"Bardot is a myth," the dress designer said. "No mere woman can rival a myth."

Bardot agrees. "Time will destroy me some day as it destroys everything," she said. "But there will never be another Bardot."

(Reuter News Service)

Crumbling Cairo

By PATRICK MASSEY / Cairo

ON ORDERS from President Hosni Mubarak, Egyptian government officials are hastily drafting new rules to try to prevent more building collapses like those which have claimed at least 67 lives in Cairo this year.

Three large suburban apartment blocks have come tumbling down since January, crushing their occupants and anyone else who happened to be nearby. All three disasters had a common factor — the landlord had added unlicensed extra floors to his building, until the foundations gave way.

Even without the strain of an extra roof load, ramshackle houses frequently crumble without exciting public attention. This type of collapse is usually less sudden and less lethal. But the spectacular destruction caused by piling on extra storeys has created a public scandal in a city not usually given to airing its day-to-day problems.

At the root of the problem is the immense need for housing in a metropolis where an estimated 14 million people jostle for scarce living space.

Cairo's ability to expand outward is limited by the surrounding desert. Nobody wants to live too far from the Nile and the amenities it brings.

The result has been a push upwards in the slums, in business zones and in select residential areas. Rents have soared to the point where a landlord can achieve quick wealth by adding an extra four, five or six storeys.

Obtaining a licence for extra storeys can involve a lengthy struggle with bureaucracy and expensive reinforcement of the building's foundations. On the other hand, proceeding without a licence has hitherto entailed little risk.

Because of the laxity of building inspectors, illegal additions may not even be noticed. If they are, and the authorities decide to take action, the case can be delayed in the courts. If the landlord is convicted at the end of all this, he usually faces only a small fine.

Because of this, extra floors have been built on buildings all over Cairo. Since building materials are expensive, quality standards are not always observed. All three collapses publicised this year were of buildings which had been extended without licence.

One was a 10-storey building in relatively affluent Heliopolis. The others, a five-floor building in Shoubra and another in Basatin, were in poorer districts.

Forty people, including the landlord, died at Basatin. At Heliopolis the building fell on a neighbouring villa and killed its occupant, Abdul Aziz Radi, the deputy minister for tourism, as well as 17 other people. At Shoubra nine people died.

In all three cases, prosecutions against the landlords had been making their leisurely way through the courts.

Now a committee set up by Prime Minister Fuad Moheiddin is devising rules to speed up court procedures, increase penalties and enable illegal structures to be torn down.

It may be too late to prevent further collapses. At least one other building in Heliopolis, illegally extended from four storeys to nine, is believed to be in imminent danger of crumbling, according to newspaper reports. Foreign construction experts claim that poor building methods in Cairo have left even some new buildings tilting.

The *Egyptian Gazette* published a cartoon in which an opulent-looking man pointed to a leaning building and told inquiring policemen: "You should reward our engineer and turn the area into a tourist site, like Pisa." (Reuter)

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Using the lure of Italian design

New entry on the furniture manufacturing scene

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — At first glance establishing a plant with 10,000 square metres of floor space at Mishor Adumim between Jerusalem and Jericho, which aims at annual exports to the U.S. of $4m.-$5m. may appear an overambitious undertaking. But the founders of David Industries have their feet firmly on the ground.

Nissan Khakshouri, the company's president, lives in Switzerland. Born in Teheran, he came to Israel in the late 1940s and after ten years moved on to Switzerland. His commercial acumen which could not find appropriate outlets here, was rewarded with success on the European scene. Today, Khakshouri is a major importer of carpets, which he wholesales and also retails through his own chain of retail outlets.

For a number of years now I have tried to find a suitable instrument for investment in Israel, he told *The Post*. A year ago I attended an international conference on tourism in Israel. But there was no single investment which appealed to me.

The home furnishing industry, however, is close to me and when the idea of setting up a furniture factory came up, I became enthusiastic.

To ascertain the potential and the taste of the Israelis, we at first imported furniture. The response exceeded our fondest expectations. We knew that we were on the right road.

Together with my friends Daniel and Joseph Maimon, who immigrated to Israel from Italy, and with an office furniture specialist, I formed The David Group. In Italy we secured an agreement whereby we will produce at Mishor Adumim Italian-designed furniture. One part of production will be in the field of open special systems for offices, and with complete furnishings of buildings. This type of furnishing also is in great demand in the U.S. Total investment for the project is $5m. Last week the company opened a showroom in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Centre under the name of David Furniture and Dimon.

The new Mishor Adumim plant is replacing a smaller one already in production there.

Hong Kong pioneers road toll system

HONG KONG (Reuter). — Hong Kong has announced plans for an electronic road pricing system to ease traffic congestion by taxing motorists who use its overcrowded roads at peak times.

The system, the first of its kind in the world, will go into operation by 1987 if a pilot scheme proves successful.

All Hong Kong's 230,000 privately-owned cars will be fitted with special number plates. A signal will be sent to a central computer every time they pass over electronic loops buried at key points in the road.

The computer will record the time, date and vehicle number and add the charge to the car owner's account.

Transport Secretary Alan Scott said charges would vary for different areas of Hong Kong, but could easily be changed, depending on the buildup of traffic.

He estimated the cost to a motorist with an average driving pattern at about 200 dollars ($30U.S.) a month.

Japan eases import rules

TOKYO (Reuter). — Japan this week announced a set of measures intended to make it easier for foreign manufacturers to get their products onto the Japanese market.

Officials said the package, which included amending 17 laws, was designed to make Japan's safety and operating standards for goods more equitable for her trading partners.

The cabinet's adoption of the measures followed a two-month review of a multitude of laws and regulations, which the U.S. and the European Community argued discriminated against their products.

Officials said the proposed legal amendments were aimed at ensuring that foreign manufacturers were treated equally with Japanese manufacturers when they sought certification that their products met Japanese standards.

In other administrative changes, foreign manufacturers would be given a role in drafting and revising Japanese safety and operating standards, and the government undertook to bring its standards into line with international codes.

The government would also accept reliable foreign test data on a range of products, including vehicles, imported foods, electrical appliances and pharmaceuticals, unless there were compelling reasons not to do so, officials said.

At present, foreign products already approved for their domestic markets are subjected to further rigorous testing before they can be imported into Japan.

CUTBACK — Abu Dhabi will shelve projects costing $3.9 billion dirhams ($1.05 b.) and cut spending on others as a result of falling oil prices, a senior Finance Department official said yesterday.



Bernhard Kohn (left), outgoing manager of the Tiberias Plaza, greets his replacement, Yoram Grozner, at a party given for the two managers by the staff of the hotel. Kohn is leaving to take up a new position as manager of the Jerusalem Plaza. Both hotels are managed by Canadian Pacific.

How the European Monetary System (EMS) operates

BRUSSELS (Reuter). — The European Monetary System (EMS) was set up in March 1979, to provide a regional zone of stability in a world of volatile exchange rates. But in the last two years, realignments of currencies have become more frequent.

The EMS limits the extent to which its eight member currencies can fluctuate against each other, while floating against outside currencies, thereby facilitating trade.

Only seven currencies — The West German mark, French franc, Italian lira, Danish krone, Belgian franc, Dutch guilder, and Irish pound — are normally quoted, as the Luxembourg franc is tied to the Belgian franc in a monetary union.

Membership is voluntary, but all European Community Countries are members, except Britain and Greece.

Currencies can fluctuate against each other within a band of 2¼ per cent above or below their central rates, except for the Italian lira. Italy was allowed six per cent bands because it doubted that the lira could be kept within a narrower range.

Once a currency reaches its limit against another, the two central banks concerned have to intervene in the markets to prevent any further widening. If the French franc fails to its floor against the West German mark, the Bank of France has to sell marks, while the German Bundesbank has to buy francs.

However, if the currencies put heavy strain on central banks, governments have no alternative but to alter the central rates, and frequent changes have been made.

Britain has frequently been urged to join the EMS to provide an anchor for the pound sterling, but has always declined. North Sea Oil revenues make sterling a petrocurrency, so it often tends to move in the opposite direction to EMS currencies.

The following previous adjustments have been made in the EMS: September 23, 1979 — the West German mark upvalued by two per cent and the Danish krone devalued by three per cent, each against all other EMS currencies. November 29, 1979 — the Danish krone devalued by five per cent.

October 4, 1981 — the West German mark and the Dutch guilder upvalued by 5.5 per cent, the French franc and the Italian lira devalued by three per cent. February 21, 1982 — the Belgian franc was devalued by 8.5 per cent and the Danish krone by three per cent. June 12, 1982 — the West German mark and the Dutch guilder upvalued by 4.25 per cent, the French franc devalued by 5.75 per cent and the Italian lira devalued by 2.75 per cent.

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Your money and your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

QUESTION: I cannot figure out whether getting bonus shares is a good thing or not. Could you please clarify?

ANSWER: Prof. Ya'acov Amihud of Tel Aviv University has done research on the price development of shares after companies have paid bonus share dividends. Companies paying bonuses have over the long term also increased their cash dividends and their shares perform much better than the shares of companies where no increase of dividend on new shares has been declared.

The payment of bonus shares, or splitting of stock, as it is known in the U.S., does not change the degree of ownership in the company on the part of the shareholder. However, in many cases when the price of the stock has been adjusted to take the bonus shares into account, it will appear "optically cheap." This often attracts new investors and gives the ex-bonus shares a boost in price.

QUESTION: What, if any, advantages do I have by investing in Eurobonds?

ANSWER: Dollar Eurobonds, for example, generally yield 2-3 per cent or even more than interest earned from dollar Patam deposits. Furthermore, the interest earned is only taxable at a rate of 25 per cent at source. Obviously, there is always some degree of risk in investing in bonds. However, the favourable difference in yields available makes Eurobonds an interesting investment.

QUESTION: I am a relative newcomer to Israel and have converted foreign currency for my purchases and living expenses. Will I ever be able to repurchase my foreign currency?

ANSWER: Under current regulations you may repurchase dollars or any other foreign currency up to the amount converted and upon presentation of conversion documents originally issued by the bank.

QUESTION: I read in your column that the shares of the Dead Sea Works have a low price-earnings ratio, and consequently I bought them. Since then they have fallen in value. What should I do?

ANSWER: Do not despair. March was a poor month for most shares, other than those of commercial banks. Quality shares, such as the Dead Sea Works, will begin to perform well as soon as the market picks up. However, I note that the p/e ratio is even lower now. Should you have any extra funds you may consider committing them.

QUESTION: I would like to visit the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to see what it is really like. Is this possible?

ANSWER: There is a public gallery which is open on certain days. I suggest you call 03-622441 and find out what visiting hours are.

QUESTION: What is your opinion about commercial bank shares for 1983?

ANSWER: Judging from the financial reports recently issued by a number of these banks, it seems that they are coping with the problems of maintaining profits under three-digit inflation. I continue to maintain a "bullish" stance and think that this year commercial bank shares will maintain real yields, whether taking into account the rate of inflation or the devaluation of the shekel.

Exxon has to repay $895m. it overcharged

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A U.S. District Court judge ruled last week that Exxon Corporation, the largest oil company in the U.S., overcharged its customers $895 million during a six-year period.

Judge Thomas Flannery ordered Exxon to pay the full amount with interest to the U.S. Treasury, to be distributed to all 50 state governments to use for energy conservation programmes.

The judge denied a government request that the company also be made to pay civil penalties of about $38m.

The Energy Department, which brought the suit, claimed that Exxon had violated the government's two-tier price control regulations by selling lower-priced "old" oil produced at its Hawkins Field unit in Texas from 1975 to 1981 as higher-priced "new" oil.

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Pre-Pessah cheer for investors

TEL AVIV. — Capital-gain-minded investors experienced a bit of pre-Pessah cheer yesterday as the market put together the third consecutive winning session. The General Share Index posted a one-session gain of nearly one per cent, excluding commercial banks. There were five "buyers only" situations, compared to only two "sellers only." Moreover, no fewer than 70 securities advanced by more than 5%, while losers only totalled 28.

Perhaps the most important aspect of yesterday's performance was a definite improvement of the investment atmosphere. While "hope springs eternal" in the breast of the speculator, some of their hope has now been converted into reality. Yesterday's market performance was made even more believable by the fact that trading turnovers crossed the IS700 million mark, a level not reached for some time.

All sectors, except mortgage banks, were ahead.

Commercial banks were in fine form as above-average gains predominated. The shares of the Union Bank did not trade as the bank released its financial reports. Shareholders will receive an additional share bonus of 30%. Both shares of the Maritime Bank were ahead by more than 3%. FIBI came through with a 1.8% advance. Danot 5.0 rose by 3.3%, but the shares of the First International Bank eased by one point.

Carmel Morgage Bank traded unchanged, but the newly-issued capital notes debuted with a 10.5% loss. The Carmel C option, which also debuted, had a poor reception, as it came on the market 24.7% below its base price. Binyan, in thin trading, posted a 10% advance.

In the specialized financial institution group the shares of the Agricultural Bank were up by 5.9%. Shilton was also ahead by more than 5%.

Insurance equities barely managed to wind up on the upside. Hassneh (R) eased by 1.1% while the bearer stock was "buyers only." The option, however, was clipped for a loss of 7.8%. Yardenia 0.5 was 5.1%, higher but the option was dropped for a 13% loss. Sahar (R) and Phoenix 0.5 were ahead by more that 5%.

There was volatility in the services and trade group, but on balance, the trend was higher. Lighterage 0.5 was up by 6.6%. Cold Bonded 0.1 was "buyers only," while the 0.5 shares recorded a 5.3% advance. Nikuv Computers 1.0% could not keep up the pace and was dropped for a 10% fall. Super-Sol B shares were 7.1% higher, while the option zinged ahead by 11%.

Land Development and real estate stocks shared in the rising market. Darad 0.1 was 9.2% to the good. Ispro was nearly 10% higher, while Lumir 1.0 was gaining 5.6%. Mishnael gained 6.3%. Neot Aviv rose by 9.4%, as Shin-Har was a full 10% higher. Mar-Lez moved against the trend and was lower by 9.9%.

Industrials were among the best performers of the session. Alaska-Sportlife 1.0 was up by 10% as Ondin8e 5.0 was racing ahead by 11.7%. Goldfrost 1.0 was more than 5% higher, but Hamaslul 5.0 was felled by 9.1%. Dubek (B) was up by 9.1%. Other 10% gainers included Zion cables 1.0, Molett, Maquette 1.0 and Tagal 1.0. Little Taya posted a 5.9% rise, while its option 1 was 8.3% better. Taro was "buyers only."

Investment company issues also came through with a convincing upward performance. Central Trade was up 10.3%. Jordan Exploration gained 8.6% and Technology Storage was 9.9% higher. Clal Real Estate gained more than 7%. Oz Investments 0.1 zipped ahead by 9.7%.

Oil equities were on the upswing. The Fedoil eights were to be traded starting from a base of 10. Their price was established at 2..

The Bolu Brothers Marble Co. announced its intention to raise IS134 million by way of the exchange. The company specializes in the cutting of marble and granite. It is a family-owned concern whose factory is located in Carmiel.

Hed Metal Processing Co. established in 1947, will try to raise IS76m. by way of a public financing issue.

Rogosin Enterprises announced its six-month results, ending December 31, 1982. The company posted net profits of IS6.7m., compared with IS3.3m. on the same period a year ago.

Technology announced it had entered into a development-production project for a spectrometer which can identify alpha-beta and gamma rays. The investment involved is $600,000.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

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Weekly calendar

Wednesday, March 30. — **Yardenia** — option 2. — opening of trading. **Hassneh** — option 4 — opening of trading. Hamashira Yud — option — opening of trading.

Thursday, March 31. — **El-Rov** — closing of subscription at IS2.20 per unit. **Clal Electronics** — ex-300 per cent share bonus, allocation on April 5. **Elite** — payment of 55 per cent cash dividend. **Dafrou** — payment of 7 per cent cash dividend.

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Commercial Banks				
IDB p.	58950	—	+50	+.1
IDB r	2680	1,444	+12	+.5
IDB B r	2690	138	n.c.	—
IDB p. A	16100	5	-350	+2.2
IDB op 11	1905	123	+5	+.3
Union r		no trading		
Union op 4 r		no trading		
Discount r	3438	995	—20	—.6
Discount A r	3444	239	+26	+.8
Discount op 2	2690	48	n.c.	—
Discount B	371	1,023	—7	—1.9
Mizrahi r	1116	3,689	+6	+.5
Mizrahi b	1116	42	+6	+.5
Mizrahi op 3	18400	7	n.c.	—
Mizrahi op 10	4800	11	n.c.	—
Mizrahi op 11	1955	66	n.c.	—
Mizrahi sc 6	9300	5	n.c.	—
Mizrahi op 7	7820	11	n.c.	—
Mizrahi sc 9	439	751	—3	—.7
Maritime 0.1	1650	923	+50	+3.1
Maritime 0.5	639	1,659	+20	+3.2
Hapoalim p. B	5999	1	+98	+1.7
Hapoalim r	4500	896	+22	+.5
Hapoalim b	4500	19	+22	+.5
Hapoalim op 7	14901	1	+200	+1.4
Hapoalim op 13	3506	143	n.c.	—
Hapoalim sc 6	9720	—	n.c.	—
Hapoalim sc 8	6620	2	n.c.	—
General A	10630	43	+70	+.7
General op 6	21102	2	—399	—1.9
General op 8	8099	6	+373	+4.8
General sc 5	2991	27	—10	—.3
General 7	188	345	—2	—1.1
Leumi	2293	3,331	+12	+.5
Leumi op 4	12240	1	+90	+.7
Leumi op 13	1660	124	+10	+.6
Leumi sc 9	1560	6	+20	+1.3
Leumi sc 11	426	110	+6	+1.4
OHH r	3898	2	+20	+.5
Finance Trade 1	4990	96	+30	+.6
Finance Trade 5	2520	59	+15	+.6
Finance Tr. op	2045	8	—5	—.2
N. American 1	3579	98	+25	+.7
N. American 5	2474	9	+19	+.8
Danot 1.0	1625	49	+15	+.9
Danot 5.0	437	1,425	+14	+3.3
Danot sc 2	695	60	+15	+2.2
First Int'l 5	686	1,562	—1	—.2
FIBI	665	1,568	+12	+1.8
Mortgage Banks				
Adanim 0.1	1453	55	n.c.	—
Gen Mortgage r	2032	144	n.c.	—
Gen Mortgage b	2032	3	n.c.	—
Carmel r	1500	14	n.c.	—
Binyan	1463	90	+133	+10.0
DevMortgage r	1050	204	—15	—1.4
DevMortgage b	1070	—	n.c.	—
Mishkan r	6410	65	+40	+.6
Mishkan b	6315	—	n.c.	—
Independence	5400	5	+400	+8.0
Indep. op 1	3350	3	+155	+4.9
Tefahot p. r	2488	39	n.c.	—
Tefahot r	2923	1,177	n.c.	—
Tefahot b	2898	3	n.c.	—
Tefahot 2%		no trading		
Tefahot op A	4050	5	—40	—1.0
Tefahot op B	568	323	—33	—5.5
Tefahot d 1.	172	1,136	—8	—4.4
Meravr	555	343	—20	—3.5
Financing Institutions				
Shilton r	319	165	+16	+5.3
Shilton op B	1967	—	—	—
Shilton sc 1		no trading		
Shilton sc 2		no trading		
Otzar Lat. r	1373	198	n.c.	—
Otzar Lat. b	1373	—	—	—
Contractors C.	310	153	+6	+2.0
Agriculture A	13350	1	+749	+5.9
Ind Dev p.r.	16747	2	—1	—
Clal Lease 0.1	1140	5	+41	+3.7
Clal Lease 0.5	440	41	+4	+.9
Clal Lease op B	364	3	—18	—4.7
Clal Lease sc 1	254	50	—1	—.4
Insurance				
Aryeh r	1420	142	+40	+2.9
Aryeh op	46200	—	+1000	+2.2
Aryeh op B	801	79	+9	+1.1
Aryeh sc 1	1554	1	n.c.	—
Ararat 0.1 r	1450	39	n.c.	—
Ararat 0.5 r	799	181	+12	+1.5
Reinsur. 0.1 r	3151	—	+51	+1.7
Reinsur . 0.5 r	2250	37	n.c.	—
Reinsur. op 1	1830	13	n.c.	—
Hadar 1.0	950	55	—25	—2.6
Hadar 5.0	593	207	—22	—3.6
Hadar op 1	470	10	+4	+.9
Hassneh r	1285	1,164	—14	—1.1
Hassneh b	1554	b.o.1	+74	+5.0
Hassneh op 3	960	69	—81	—7.8
Phoenix 0.1 r	3050	7	—200	—6.2
Phoenix 0.5 r	2300	2	+112	+5.1
Hamishmar	303	292	+28	+10.2
Hamishmar	195	585	—3	—1.5
Hamishmar op	188	257	+6	+3.6
Yardenia 0.1 r	996	175	—5	—.5
Yardenia 0.5 r	380	289	+19	+5.3
Yardenia op 1	540	44	—81	—13.0
Menora 1	2190	26	—110	—4.8
Menora 5	1050	3	+37	+3.7
Sahar r	1599	27	+87	+5.8
Securitas r	700	176	n.c.	—
Zur r	3255	10	n.c.	—
Zur op 2	2800	—	—	—
Zion Hold. 1.0	481	44	+10	+2.1
Zion Hold. 5.0	277	140	+19	+7.4
Services & Utilities				
Galei Zohar 1	301	95	+10	+3.4
Galei Zohar 5	154	73	—9	—5.5
Galei Zo. op 1	115	76	+13	+12.8
Data Mikun	398	60	—30	—7.0
Delek r	2250	5	n.c.	—
Delek b	2265	1.1	—150	—6.2
Harel 1	413	342	+18	+4.6
Harel 5	219	48	n.c.	—
Harel op 2	144	40	n.c.	—
Lighterage 0.1	785	63	n.c.	—
Lighterage 0.5	470	302	+29	+6.6
Cold Store 0.1	18100	—	—900	—4.7
Cold Store 1.0	6300	6	+100	+1.6
Israel Electric r		no trading		
Dan Hotels 1	372	148	n.c.	—
Dan Hotels 5	292	252	n.c.	—
Coral Beach	155	999	n.c.	—
Coral B. op 1	114	89	+5	+4.6
Hilan	760	78	+35	+4.8
Hilan op	450	5	+7	+1.6
Teta 1	367	68	—10	—2.7
Teta 5	190	80	—6	—3.1
Teta op	115	226	—7	—5.7
Clal Comp	928	20	+21	+2.3
Clal Comp op	610	4	+23	+3.9
Malal 1	734	73	+19	+2.7
Malal 5	503	28	n.c.	—
Malal op	302	120	+7	+2.4
Magor 0.1	538	87	+30	+5.9
Magor 0.5	237	196	n.c.	—
Magor op 1	1792	1	+2	+.1
Bond Ware 0.1	409	b.o.1	+19	+4.9
Bond Ware 0.5	199	201	+10	+5.3
Bond Ware op	135	193	n.c.	—
Yahalom	185	198	n.c.	—
Yahalom op 1	120	100	n.c.	—
Nikui 1.0	663	63	—74	—10.0
Nikuv 5.0	500	31	n.c.	—
Nikuv op 1	442	6	+21	+5.0
Consort. Hold.	1446	10	+11	+.8
Consortium op	1360	1	+109	+8.7
Kopel 1	450	174	—15	—3.2
Crystal 1	960	36	+40	+4.4
Rapac 0.1	1767	11	n.c.	—
Rapac 0.5	485	67	n.c.	—
Supersol 2	4350	25	n.c.	—
Supersol 10	2250	62	+150	+7.1
Supersol op B	1720	3	+170	+11.0
Land, Building, Citrus				
Oren	385	75	+15	+4.1
Oren op 1	715	1	n.c.	—
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Azorim op D	910	1	+5	+.6
Azorim op E	370	48	+8	+2.2
Africa Isr. 0.1	5735	13	+125	+2.2
Africa Isr. 1.0	5210	5	+60	+1.2
Africa op 2	3851	2	+20	+.5
Azazim	372	140	—6	—1.6
Azazim op	225	109	+3	+1.4
Arledan 0.1	367	86	+24	+7.0
Arledan 0.5	199	360	+4	+2.3
Arled. op A	457	24	n.c.	—
Ben Yakar 1	1697	38	+18	+1.1
Ben Yakar op	1552	1	+51	+3.4
Baranovitz 1	244	187	—16	—6.2
Baranovitz 5	151	198	—1	—1.0
Baranovitz op	114	6	+5	+4.6
Dankner 1	260	89	+2	+.8
Drucker 1	405	525	—20	—4.7
Drucker 5	380	77	n.c.	—
Drucker op	186	546	n.c.	—
Darad 0.1	381	40	+32	+9.2
Darad 0.5	190	52	+3	+1.6
Darad op 1	1307	—	—	—
Darad op 2	292	4	+17	+6.2
HLB 0.1	390	26	+6	+1.6
HLB 0.5 r	189	296	—10	—5.0
Property Bldg	1900	152	—15	—.8
Bayside 0.1	1505	47	+60	+4.2
Bayside 0.5	1265	1	+5	+.4
Bayside op B	2005	—	—	—
ILDC r	2085	17	n.c.	—
ILDC b	2135	1	+20	+1.0
ICP r	287	280	n.c.	—
Ispro r	289	884	+26	+9.9
Isralom	375	52	+15	+4.2
Isras b	792	60	+12	+1.5
Isras op 1	553	73	+10	+1.8
Cohen Dev.	351	307	+8	+2.3
Cohen Dev. op	292	30	+2	+.7
Lumir 1	285	90	+15	+5.6
Lumir 5	143	325	—5	—3.4
Lumir op 1	102	141	+1	+1.0
M.T.M. 1	2352	20	n.c.	—
M.T.M. 5	1350	12	n.c.	—
M.T.M. op 1	1548	—	—	—
Mehadrin r	3260	28	—80	—2.4
Modul Beton	2144	73	n.c.	—
Mishnael 5	510	141	+30	+6.3
Mar-Lez 1	183	203	—20	—9.9
Mar-Lez op	140	196	—6	—4.1
Meshulim 1	564	359	+51	+9.9
Meshulam 5	282	15	+14	+5.2
Mesh. op 1	235	6	+5	+2.2
Lifschitz 1	240	339	—9	—3.6
Lifschitz 5	167	195	+4	+2.5
Lifschitz op	119	487	—4	—3.3
Neot Aviv	1970	21	+170	+9.4
Nichsei Hadar	980	86	n.c.	—
Sojel Bon. p. A	8995	84	+55	+.6
Salilf 1	357	199	n.c.	—
Sahaf 5	273	41	n.c.	—
Sahaf op	179	83	+9	+5.3
Pri Or	915	43	+7	+.8
Pri Or op	831	11	—1	—.1
Caesarea 0.1	390	130	+16.	+4.3
Caesarea 0.5	127	413	n.c.	—
Rogovin 1	342	63	n.c.	—
Rogovin 5	267	26	n.c.	—
Rogovin op	144	67	+5	+3.6
Rassco p. r	940	38	—30	—3.1
Rassco r	900	128	+15	+1.7
Rassco op	839	70	+5	+.6
Shenhar 5	159	166	+14	+10.0
Industrials				
Agan Chem.	587	166	—24	—3.9
Agan op 1	399	24	—15	—3.6
Baruch 1	470	89	n.c.	—
Baruch 5	342	20	n.c.	—
Baruch op	228	57	+3	+1.3
Octagon	360	333	—1	—.3
Octagon op	203	197	+2	+1.0
Urdan 0.1 r	1431	33	+41	+3.0
Urdan 0.5 r	922	104	—20	—2.1
Urdan op	723	63	+12	+1.7
Attas 1	491	133	—8	—1.6
Attas op	300	103	—6	—2.0
Atlantic 1	135	101	+10	+8.0
Atlantic op 1	88	91	—4	—4.8
I.P. Building	360	283	+27	+8.1
Elbit 3.0 r	13500	10	—150	—1.1
Elbit op	12050	1	—200	—1.6
Alumit 1	352	90	n.c.	—
Alumit 5	280	2	n.c.	—
Alumit op	300	42	+5	+1.7
Alliance		no trading		
Alaska Sport 1	801	7	+73	+10.0
Alaska Sport 5	371	10	n.c.	—
Alaska S. op 1	445	22	+20	+4.7
Elco 0.1	1000	22	+39	+4.1
Elco 0.25 r	554	86	+1	+.2
Elco 0.25 b	875	8	+10	+1.2
Elco op B	1124	25	—130	—10.4
Elco d 1	3000	—	—50	—1.6
Alkol	401	163	n.c.	—
Alkol op 1	315	40	+15	+5.0
Electra 0.1 r	2270	7	+50	+2.3
Electra 0.5 r	1320	44	+20	+1.5
Electra op 3	1885	10	+5	+.3
Electra op 4	795	84	+33	+4.3
Elron	24550	14	+750	+3.2
Ondine 1	314	117	n.c.	—
Ondine 5	220	312	+23	+11.7
Ondine op	138	27	+4	+3.0
Ackerstein 1	431	170	n.c.	—
Ackerstein 5	315	101	+7	+2.3
Argaman p.r.	2200	11	n.c.	—
Argaman r	1780	100	n.c.	—
Arpt	2220	41	+25	+1.1
Arpt op	2050	1	n.c.	—
Ata B 1.0	270	70	+4	+1.5
Ata C 0.1	180	768	+2	+1.1
Tadir 1.0	2582	35	+34	+1.3
Tadir 5.0	589	56	+3	+.5
Tadir op 1	2490	20	+60	+2.5
Bar-Ton 1	337	39	—20	—5.6
Bar-Ton 5	172	146	+12	+7.5
Bar-Ton op	111	11	+1	+.9
Goldfrost 1.0	820	117	+40	+5.1
Goldfrost 5	218	54	n.c.	—
Goldfrost op	172	24	—1	—.6
Gal Ind. 1.0	1763	48	+35	+2.0
Gal Ind 5.0	549	312	n.c.	—
Gal Ind. op 1	865	19	+15	+1.8
Galil Tech 1	254	251	—3	—1.2
Galil Tech op	185	121	+2	+1.1
Dubek p. r	3400	5	+200	+6.3
Dubek p. b	3294	2	+274	+9.1
Delta Galil 1	441	197	+10	+2.3
Delta Galil 3	312	282	n.c.	—
Delta Gal. op 2	405	55	n.c.	—
Dafron 1	345	11	—9	—2.5
Dafron 5	209	58	+19	+10.0
Dafron op	123	31	n.c.	—
Dexter Chem.	270	64	—10	—3.6
Dexter op A	174	77	+1	+.6
Fertilizer 0.1	800	54	n.c.	—
Fertilizer 0.5	345	21	+4	+1.2
Cables r	1845	12	n.c.	—
Cables b	1830	6	+20	+1.1
Hamaslul 1	260	98	—3	—1.1
Hamaslul 5	191	88	—19	—9.1
Hamaslul op	278	191	+2	+.7
Hatehof 1.0	409	40	+10	+2.5
Hatehof 5.0	237	26	+5	+2.2
Hatehof op 1	490	12	+5	+1.0
Vitalgo 1	443	s.o.l.	—23	—4.9
Vitalgo 5	309	s.o.l.	—16	—4.9
Vardinon	385	173	n.c.	—
Vardinon op	235	73	+3	+1.3
Zikit 1.0	1130	64	—60	—5.0
Zikit 5.0	343	25	—8	—2.3
Zikit op A	170	67	+10	+6.3
Zol-Kal 1	315	65	—10	—3.1
Zol-Kal 5	249	10	n.c.	—
Zol-Kal op	149	28	+1	+.7
Pri-Ze 1	410	118	n.c.	—
Pri-Ze 5	255	91	+8	+3.2
Pri-Ze op	193	70	+7	+3.8
Haifa Chemicals	2000	2	+50	+2.6
Teva r	1601	69	+50	+3.2
Teva b	1535	5	n.c.	—
Teva db 3	370	33	n.c.	—
Tempo 1.0	495	102	+26	+5.5
Tempo 5.0	356	14	+9	+2.6
Tempo op 1	330	16	+15	+4.8
Tempo op 2	201	7	n.c.	—
Tromasbest 1	1500	10	—50	—3.2
Tromasbest 5	1020	9	n.c.	—
Trom. op 1	1609	4	—1	—.1
Yaeh	662	b.o.l.	+32	+5.1
Yaeh op	491	11	+13	+2.7
Yomar 1	1111	4	+30	+2.8
Yomar 5	1144	—	—	—
Yitzhar 1	245	80	+12	+5.2
Yitzhar 5	159	220	+9	+6.0
Yitzhar op 1	120	15	—7	—5.5
ZionCables 1	3575	25	+325	+10.0
ZionCables 5	720	56	n.c.	—
ZionCables op	471	9	n.c.	—
Clal Electronics	4140	115	+40	+1.0
Lodzia 0.1	1700	1	—40	—2.3
Lodzia 0.4	720	127	n.c.	—
Modul Ind.	383	63	n.c.	—
Wolfman 1	1065	9	n.c.	—
Wolfman 5	800	5	+1	+.1
Molett B r	2233	20	+203	+10.0
M.L.T. 1	231	170	n.c.	—
M.L.T. 5	171	45	+13	+8.2
Man 1.0	270	4,942	—15	—5.3
Man 5.0	650	84	—30	—4.4
Zika 1	645	121	n.c.	—
Zika 5	542	22	n.c.	—
Zika op 1	851	2	+1	+.1
Dead Sea r	1720	238	+50	+3.0
Kadamani 1	205	157	—20	—8.9
Kadamani 5	145	53	—3	—2.0
Kadam. op A	250	126	n.c.	—
AIPM r	3375	53	—200	—5.6
Assis	2364	b.o.1	+113	+5.0
Petrochemicals	180	1,049	+4	+2.3
Maquette 1	2814	111	+256	+10.0
Maquette 5	526	84	—5	—.9
Maq. op A	720	15	+30	+4.4
Maxima 1	281	103	+1	+.4
Maxima 5	265	142	+9	+3.5
Maxima op	171	223	—.5	—.3
Nechushtan 0.1	491	42	+36	+7.9
Nechushtan 0.5	262	95	+2	+.8
Nechushtan op	154	19	+18	+13.2
Neca Chem.	272	27	—28	—9.3
Sano 1	1350	16	—50	—3.6
Sano 5	1025	—	—	—
Sunfrost	440	174	—10	—2.2
Spectronix 1	1400	36	—50	—3.5
Spectronix 5	870	24	—10	—1.1
Spect. op 1	661	25	+21	+3.3
Ayit 1	3311	27	+240	+7.8
Ayit 5	1350	54	+59	+4.6
Ayit op	1800	4	—20	—1.1
Elite r	3575	23	—35	—1.0
Arad r	337	109	—10	—2.9
Arad op 1	270	27	n.c.	—
Feuchtwanger 1	530	94	+45	+9.3
Feuchtwanger 5	380	76	+30	+8.6
Feucht. op 1	257	—	—30	—10.5
Polgat 0.1	3310	5	+10	+.3
Polgat 0.4	1860	145	n.c.	—
Polygon r	900	20	+50	+5.9
Pollak 1	703	48	+5	+.7
Pollak 5	415	26	+5	+1.2
Pollak op 1	261	16	—2	—.8
Pecker Steel	930	31	+80	+9.4
Pecker opt.	1563	—	+22	+1.4
Pargod	173	201	—1.5	—.9
Pargod op	121	118	n.c.	—
Cyclone 1	701	38	—1	—.1
Cyclone 5	403	35	n.c.	—
Cyclone op	261	38	n.c.	—
King 1	470	6	—30	—6.0
King 5	341	17	+10	+3.0
King op 1	264	41	—10	—3.7
Kili 1.0	1274	90	+12	+1.0
Kili 5.0	358	61	+8	+2.3
Katz. Adler 1	551	61	n.c.	—
Katz. Adler 5	390	11	n.c.	—
Katz op	220	17	+8	+3.8
Rim 0.1 r	840	56	—60	—6.7
Rim 0.4 r	440	82	—9	—2.0
Schoellerina	2335	28	—75	—3.1
Shemen p. r	2200	14	+100	+4.8
T.A.T. 1.0		no trading		
T.A.T. 5.0		no trading		
T.A.T. op 1		no trading		
Tagal 1	330	50	+30	+10.0
Tagal 5	230	50	+20	+9.5
Tagal op	123	34	—2	—1.6
Tedea 1	655	183	+50	+8.3
Taya	590	65	+33	+5.9
Taya op 1	1300	3	+100	+8.3
Taya op 2	411	—	+11	+2.8
Taal B r	521	94	+1	+.2
Frutarom r	690	11	+1	+.2
Lachish 5	880	8	n.c.	—
Lachish 1	620	61	—10	—1.6
Lachish op	730	1	n.c.	—
Rogosin 1		no trading		
Taro Pharm.	336	b.o.1	+16	+5.0
Investment & Holding				
Unico r	1571	15	+1	+.1
Unico b	1600	2	—130	—7.5
IDB Dev. r	2604	710	+7	+.3
IDB Dev. op 2	1911	20	+1	+.1
Incoba	510	164	+39	+8.3
Elgar r	7450	1	+300	+4.2
Elgar b	7000	—	—	—
Ellern r	3270	48	—350	—9.7
Ellern b	3360	29	+280	+9.1
Amissar	3720	7	+170	+4.8
Afik 1.0	2555	91	+90	+3.7
Afik 5.0	2000	9	+65	+3.4
Afik op	1520	3	+10	+.7
Central Trade	7525	53	+700	+10.3
Israel Corp. 1	1518	368	n.c.	—
Israel Corp. 5	691	388	+4	+.6
Inv. Paz r	2780	3	+62	+2.4
Inv. Paz b	3000	—	—	—
Wolfson 0.1	29001	1	—499	—1.7
Wolfson 1 r	6210	4	+60	+1.0
Ampa r	2422	311	+115	+5.0
Ampa op 1	3814	30	+114	+3.1
Disc. Invest. r	1900	467	+16	+.9
Disc. Invest. b	1940	—	+20	+1.0
Disc. i.d. 135	5230	—	—	—
Hapoal. Inv. r	6151	8	n.c.	—
Hapoal. Inv. b	7160	—	n.c.	—
Leumi In. r	1940	105	n.c.	—
Jordan Ex. A r	1200	112	+95	+8.6
Jordan Ex. op	42358	—	—	—
Jordan E. opt	19500	—	n.c.	—
Jordan op 4	861	45	n.c.	—
Mizrahi Inv. r	1202	49	+46	+4.0
Mizrahi Inv b	1300	—	n.c.	—
Mizrahi d. 122	207	118	+12	+6.2
Mizrahi d. 124	239	64	+4	+1.7
Clal Trade	677	44	+10	+1.5
Clal Tr. op B	5860	—	—	—
Clal Tr. op C	1001	18	+1	+.1
Export r	499	56	—6	—1.2
Koor p.	—	—	—	—
Clal Real Estate	222	2,477	+15	+7.3
Clal op D	540	438	+40	+8.0
Clal Israel	4600	64	—40	—.9
Clal Israel 50	4070	1	+30	+.7
Clal Israel op	2400	6	+80	+3.5
Clal Industry	1342	453	+20	+1.5
Clal Ind. op	4761	11	+200	+4.4
Clal Ind. op C	1090	130	+41	+3.9
Landeco 0.1	641	71	+36	+6.0
Landeco 0.5	475	41	+17	+3.7
Store Tech	244	2,656	+22	+9.9
Store Tech op	175	625	+7	+4.2
Sahar Hold 1.0	999	42	+29	+3.0
Sahar Hold 5.0	699	66	+33	+5.0
Oz Inv 0.1	2140	32	+190	+9.7
Oz Inv 0.5	424	106	—31	—6.8
Oz Inv. op 1	5500	4	n.c.	—
Oz Inv. op 2	980	111	—35	—3.5
Pama 0.1	1056	207	+71	+7.2
Pana 0.5	508	306	n.c.	—
Pama op 2	706	40	+16	+2.3
Pama op 1	320	270	+5	+1.6
Piryon	745	152	n.c.	—

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Exodus today

TONIGHT Jews everywhere will remember the day they started the exodus from Pharaonic bondage and the journey back to their ancestral homeland. They will also, in reading the Haggada, voice the desire to be "next year in Jerusalem."

To anyone familiar with current aliya statistics and projections, that ritual incantation will sound, to put it mildly, somewhat out of touch with reality. For the past two years not more than 1,000 or so Jews from the diaspora have arrived in Israel every month. Even more shockingly, their number has been exceeded by that of emigrating Israelis. This year is expected to register improvement in the net aliya deficit, perhaps even to the point of its disappearance, but it is still nothing to crow about.

When closely examined, the figures are seen in large measure to reflect factors beyond Israel's control. Thus they attest to the fact that the Kremlin has lately all but closed the gates of the Soviet Union to the departure of Jews. At the same time the figures reveal a slight rise in the number of immigrants from the affluent countries of the West, which are now in the throes of economic recession. This would also account for the return of more yordim from Europe and, especially, the U.S.

But even Soviet Jews, when allowed by their rulers to leave, now tend to drop out on the way to Israel. And the movement of Jews from what is known as the Free World to Israel is at best but a trickle, and unsteady. The question then inevitably arises: is it preordained that, with the depletion, mainly through aliya, of the large Jewish reservoir of distressed, but Zion-conscious, communities in Asia and Africa, diaspora Jews will for the most part exclude Israel in considering their future plans, even if these involve a change of home?

Fortunately, the evidence does not yet warrant a definitive answer one way or another. But it is plain enough that the traditional forces of "push" and "pull" are no longer acting powerfully enough to induce Jews to choose aliya. Jews are either no longer alive to their exilic existence, or find nothing wrong with it, or at any rate refuse to acknowledge Israel as a viable alternative to it.

Aliya today is, at bottom, a matter of Jewish decision based on a Jewish sense of national identity — and this is true of Jews hailing from countries as diverse as the Soviet Union, Argentina and Iran. Israel's capacity to awaken, and nourish, this sense of national identity is, at best, severely limited. The tides of assimilation and alienation may often be too strong to be effectively counteracted by propaganda, or even education. But even the little that Israel could do, it is not doing.

At home, aliya is often played up as though it were the second most significant item on the national agenda; after security. But this regularly turns out to be mere lip-service. In addressing diaspora Jews Israel's leaders seem to be taking care never even to bring up the — presumably divisive — subject of aliya. Recommended measures of streamlining the process of aliya and its absorption are allowed to gather dust for years on bureaucratic shelves.

Most important, the old impulse of the founding fathers to shape Israel as not only a safe refuge for persecuted Jews but as a model society, has all but died out. To be sure, no single model of Israeli society could every satisfy all Jews. Some would always feel that the result was too religious, others that it was not religious enough; overly egalitarian, or not sufficiently committed to social justice. But the image that Israel has been projecting of late is apparently found attractive by only a fraction of those who might otherwise weigh the option of aliya.

An Israel determined to see a true ingathering of the exiles cannot rest on its laurels as the only working parliamentary democracy in the Middle East. It must struggle out of the morass of narrow-minded, strong-armed chauvinism into which it has been sinking. Only then would it be true to itself, and its national vocation.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. RE-TREAD. — The world's largest tiremaker has joined medical and academic institutions in an effort to build a totally implantable artificial heart by 1990.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the University of Akron have begun a venture described by university president D.J. Guzzetta as "of no less importance than that of life and death."

In a news conference, representatives of the three institutions said the joint effort would be centred at the University Institute for Biomedical Engineering Research.

An artificial heart being developed at the Cleveland Clinic would be a significant advancement of the process used in Salt Lake City on Barney Clark, according to Dr. Ray Kiraly, research director at the clinic's department of artificial organs.

"That heart is quite a simple device," Kiraly said. "It requires a lot of outside equipment that powers it pneumatically. The device we're working on will have some sort of motor inside and will function totally within the body."

P.S. THE ANCIENT stone amphitheatre at Epidaurus in southern Greece is subsiding under the weight of more than 500,000 tourists who sit in it every year, the Greek Archeological Service says.

A spokesman for the service said the stone seats had moved "several centimetres lower" since the theatre was built in the 4th century B.C.E.

Archeologists now fear a full house of 20,000 spectators at Epidaurus could cause irreparable damage to the structure, one of the largest amphitheatres in Greece.

In addition, modern stage sets attached to the ruins of the ancient building for annual summer productions of tragedy at Epidaurus have scarred the remains, the spokesman said.

In future, the ruins will be covered with special padding before set designers get to work, he said.

The Archeological Service has ordered a conservation study of the theatre, part of an ancient sanctuary to Asklepios, god of medicine, and one of the best-preserved amphitheatres in the Mediterranean.

REFLECTIONS ON THE RABBINATE

By ZEV KATZ

THE RECENT elections of new chief rabbis of Israel present a classic case in a tragic chain of missed opportunities in relations between religious and secular Jews, both in Israel and the Diaspora.

The matter relates to several fundamental questions: what kind of religious leadership is necessary for Judaism today? Are rabbis in general, and Israel's chief rabbis in particular, important only to observant Jews, or are they also of decisive importance to the non-religious? What kind of knowledge should a religious leader in Israel have so as to fulfil his major functions?

Discussion of these issues goes back to the historic confrontations between large masses of Jews and the non-Jewish world in Babylon, Spain, Islamic countries. This discussion has intensified since the beginning of the Enlightment and the Jewish exodus out of the ghetto. It has had an impact on some new movements in Judaism, the Reform, Conservative and neo-Orthodox. Yet for the predominant camp in Israel, the Orthodox, it has been of no significance whatsoever.

During the nomination of candidates for chief rabbi and the elections, there was almost no discussion of the absolutely necessary qualifications of a candidate for such an office. Two new chief rabbis were elected, and they will be the supreme official religious leaders of Israel, with all that this entails, during the next crucial ten years.

All agree that they are great sages of the Tora, deeply Orthodox and men with a following of their own. They have, however, no knowledge of anything much beyond their *halachic* studies.

SOME of the greatest sages of Israel, those who revolutionized Judaism and set much of *halacha* as it is today, were not only learned in Judaic studies, but also had mastered much of worldly knowledge and science. The greatest of thsse sages, Maimonides, was by no means a *yeshiva bocher*. He was a medical man of great distinction, who wrote treatises on medicine.

His immense authority in interpreting Jewish law was also rooted in his mastering of astronomy, of ancient Greek and medieval Arabic philosophy. The great Elijah, Gaon of Vilna, spent his life studying "worldly knowledge" such as astronomy, geography, the sciences, and he used this knowledge greatly for a better insight into the Talmud and the Bible.

This was also the case with the great Babylonian sage Saadia Gaon, and true of other Babylonian sages. For example, they used worldly knowledge of Babylonian astronomy to set a fixed Jewish calendar without a Beit Din taking evidence from witnesses to proclaim a New Moon.

Within Orthodox Judaism, a major movement developed, especially in Germany, which asserted that strictly Orthodox Judaism can go along with modern dress and worldly knowledge. Rabbinical colleges were set up that imparted to their students the knowledge of Judaism, while at the same time demanding that they complete a programme of secular studies within the college or at a secular university.

This was the case not only for Reform and Conservative students but for some of the Orthodox as well (such as Yeshiva University in the U.S. today). A number of major Orthodox figures in recent times have been learned in non-Jewish studies and thoroughly modern men. One example is former chief rabbi of Israel, Isaac Herzog. The present Lubavitcher rabbi, Menachem Shneerson, was sent by his father to study engineering and sciences at the Sorbonne in Paris.

There is, therefore, no case for asserting a basic contradiction between knowledge of the sciences and knowledge of the Tora. Yet despite some attempts to establish rabbinical colleges of some kind in Israel — on strictly Orthodox lines, these have been entirely unsuccessful, due to vehement opposition from the Orthodox establishment.

AT PRESENT to be a rabbi in Israel all one needs is to get *smicha* from an established yeshiva, and nothing else.

At a recent conference in the U.S., this writer had the opportunity to discuss rabbinical education at the foremost American institutions, which could be a model for Israel, such as the Hebrew Union College of the Reform Movement in Cincinnati. Its curriculum does provide for the study of modern Jewish history, though not in a very profound way since most of the students' time goes to the study of prayer, rituals, homiletics, Talmud and so on.

Though the college admirably obliges its students to spend at least one year of study at its Jerusalem branch (which includes courses at the Hebrew University), no structured teaching of the history, politics or society of modern Israel is included. Yet, by their admission, rabbis in American congregations today spend much, if not most, of their time in activities related to Israel, both within the Jewish community and in the gentile one. Many acquire a good knowledge of Israeli affairs on a self-taught basis, but it mostly remains fragmentary.

Rabbinical training even within the modern movements of Judaism apparently still adheres to the classic Parkinson's Law: they teach the students much in fields they will never use, and do not train them for one of the most central functions of their future work.

The training of rabbis has to be grounded in a perception of the central tasks confronting a religious leader in our time in Israel.

The Orthodox would summarize it under a single main heading. Maintaining *halachic* Judaism. It is from this perception, and from it solely, that the qualifications are presently defined for rabbinic office: being an observant Jew and learned in *halacha*. It is precisely this conception that has to be reviewed.

THE CENTRAL tasks of Jewish religious leaders in Israel today pertain to two other great issues: One is reinterpretation of *halacha* in terms of a new and revolutionary situation, a sovereign Jewish state now exists in conditions of modernity. Secondly, there is the issue of presenting and interpreting Judaism to the non-religious Jews who are a major part of the older generation and a majority among the young Jews.

Limiting the tasks of the rabbinate to the preservation of *halacha only might*, at the utmost, assure that a small (and possibly constantly dwindling) minority of the Jewish people will go on keeping observant Judaism as of old. In benevolent political conditions, it is even possible to enforce some strictly observant laws, which are quite objectionable to the non-observant majority. However, unless the other two tasks can be successfully undertaken by the leaders of Orthodoxy, the existing rift between the modern state and *halacha*, and between the observant and the secular, will widen. And that gap may become unbridgeable.

Much has been written recently about the problem of the reinterpretation of *Halacha* to meet the needs of a modern Jewish State. However, relatively little attention has been devoted to the task of representing Judaism to the secular Jews. This will therefore be my concern.

THE CONCEPTION that a rabbi in Israel has obligations solely, or mainly, to the observant has its roots in lack of understanding of the objective condition of the Jewish community, both in Israel and in the Diaspora.

In Israel, the laws of the state regard every Jew as a member of the Judaic religious community. He is obliged by law to recive certain religious services whether he likes it or not. For example, there is no marriage or divorce for Jews in Israel outside the rabbinate.

The rabbinate has a major impact on many other spheres of life in Israel: kashrut for hotels and institutions, burial, religious holidays, (recognized as national holidays in Israel), and religious education. In the secular Jew, it is therefore far from a matter of indifference who is elected chief rabbi, or for that matter a local rabbi. The office impinges in many ways on the life of secular Jews.

There would be a major difference between a fundamentalist or a fanatic rabbi who insists on archaic customs and laws, without the slightest change, and a rabbi who would make it his main goal to find ways for reinterpreting Orthodoxy in line with modernism.

Similarly there would be a major difference for secular Jews, depending in whether the rabbi in office is an erudite and cultured person with an understanding of and rapport with the secular Jew, or an old-time conservative who has no knowledge of anything beyond *Halacha* and no understanding whatever of the non-religious.

One of the central functions, therefore, of the rabbinate and of the religious leadership altogether is to find ways to the heart and mind of the non-religious that would enhance the image of traditional Judaism, which should be presented as a vital and positive force in the life of the Jewish people in Israel.

Enforcement of laws as a result of political machinations and of getting a larger portion of the budget for religious institutions (e.g. for yeshiva students who do not serve in the army and who do not contribute anything to the economy) might provide some short-term results. But the damage done to Judaism in the eyes of the non-observant majority is probably even greater.

THE RABBINICAL establishment and the religious institutions in Israel seem, unfortunately, to go backwards rather than forwards. A few examples are in order. Despite the much publicized reports about the many people who return to old-time religion, and despite the undeniable thirst among many non-observant for knowledge of Judaism, all evidence seems to show that a great majority of young people in Israel today are not religious at all. This is especially so among educated youth.

A small and architecturally striking synagogue has been built on the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University. Despite many efforts to put some life into it, the synagogue remains rather sadly deserted, except for the occasional wedding. There is a temporary synagogue somewhere on the Mount Scopus campus, but apart from a tiny minority, the students seem not to be aware of its existence.

The outgoing Sephardi chief rabbi, Ovadia Yosef, used to have a radio spot on Friday afternoons within the Kabbalat Shabbat broadcast. It is difficult to know how many listened to it, especially among the non-religious. This writer did listen to it, quite regularly. In a programme early in March, Rabbi Yosef was preoccupied with a very burning and important problem: do the souls of the dead participate in a *minyan* during prayers at the cemetery and can therefore the participants answer "amen" even if their number is less than ten?

Quoting a long series of entangled rabbinical sources, the rabbi concluded that only the souls of *tzaddikim* are uniquely endowed with this privilege. Actual cases were cited when this has allegedly occured. However, for the souls of ordinary mortals, there seems to be no such privilege. This particular topic was not so much an exception as indicative of the rule: the programme dealt with all kinds of esoteric matters of significance to a tiny minority of the minority.

THE CHIEF rabbinate and most of the rabbis in Israel have closed themselves up in the minutiae of ancient rituals and taboos — but have been rather slow and reticent in reacting to the most burning and significant issues of our time. The world is confronted with the possibility of total nuclear devastation. Unprecedented crime, prostitution and moral degradation have spread among some of the descendants of the most ancient and proud Jewish communities. Corruption and privilege are becoming widespread in Israeli society. Entire strata of the population live in poverty and loneliness.

But the rabbis, with some exceptions, are busy with details of taboos and rituals. Where the religious establishment has taken a stand, it was mostly in the direction of national chauvinism and extremism.

The two newly elected chief rabbis have, admirably, made a good entree with several very modest statements about themselves. Rabbi Avraham Shapiro came through especially strong by stressing his original unwillingness to take up the position and by his initial rejection of an official car and driver ("I was always poor, I am poor, and please leave me as such...") Unfortunately this cannot be said about the initial stand on a number of vital issues.

The chief rabbis have taken a rather conservative position, to put it mildly. In interviews given before the election, but published afterwards, they presented a ruling that the laws of the Knesset are not valid if they clash with "the laws of the Tora." How does one know about a clash?

Rabbi Shapiro answered: "When the religious MKs do not oppose a law, one can be sure that it is kosher; otherwise it is invalid. He went on to assert again the old-time strict interpretations of *halacha*, declaring that a woman is not acceptable as a witness in court, and the same applies to a state witness.

Rabbi Mordecai Eliahu made some even more far-reaching statements: "The laws of the state are law on condition that the government does not discriminate between one group and another." For example, "If it helps students more than yeshiva pupils, then the tax laws are not valid." Or, "If the police are taking a tougher stand against religious demonstrators than against others, then there is a case of discrimination by the authorities, and laws are not valid." Furthermore, he made a proposal to introduce an additional way to make a husband give a divorce to his wife. "Lashes instead of imprisonment." (Prison is not a recognized penalty according to *halacha*.) This is not far from Khomeinism.

At the same time, as much evidence clearly shows, there is among secular Jews an immense thirst for and interest in the sources of Judaism. The departments of Jewish studies of the various academic institutions are burgeoning with young people, devoting the best years of their lives to finding out about their Jewishness. A major movement in this direction is developing within the previously atheistic kibbutz and the Labour Movement.

Public lectures and seminars on topics of Jewish studies are usually well-attended and arouse much interest. A great opportunity is knocking at the door — that of bringing Judaism to large masses of non-religious Jews.

It would, however, be totally erroneous to assume that this can be done in the strictly Orthodox old-fashioned way of religious leaders who are estranged from scientific knowledge and the modern world.

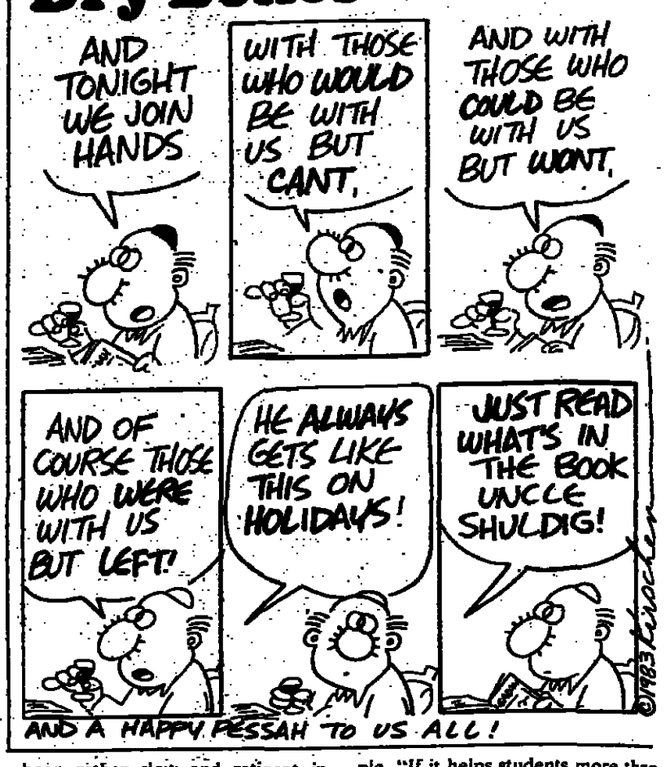
Can an enlightened and modern Judaism be developed that would answer the basic needs of the secular Jewish people today — in the Diaspora and in Israel?

It appears that not only the rabbinate in Israel is urgently in need of saving. More important, Judaism needs saving.

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